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## BIG GULP

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**MOSI SECRET**

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Federal authorities seized 14 7-Eleven stores on Long Island, N.Y., and in Virginia on Monday, charging nine owners and managers with harboring and hiring dozens of illegal immigrants and paying them using sham Social Security numbers, officials said.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and



Homeland Security officers enter a 7-Eleven in Islip Terrace, N.Y., June 17, 2013.

(Michael Nagle/The New York Times)

federal prosecutors in Brooklyn were also investigating 40 7-Eleven franchises in New York City and elsewhere, in one of the largest criminal immigrant employment investigations ever conducted by the Justice and Homeland Security Departments, officials said.

The franchises split their profits with the 7-Eleven parent corporation, which handles the store payrolls, and prosecutors were seeking \$30 million in forfeiture from the stores and the corporate parent. In addition to seizing 10 7-Eleven stores in New York and four in Virginia, the authorities seized five houses in New York.

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## TRICKS OF THE TRADE



**US, EU to start ambitious but delicate trade talks**

British Prime Minister David Cameron welcomes President Barack Obama to the G-8 summit in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, on Monday, June 17, 2013. Leaders are expected to discuss the ongoing conflict in Syria, and free-trade issues.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

**STEPHEN CASTLE**

**JACKIE CALMES**

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ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland - European Union leaders and President Barack Obama on Monday announced the start of negotiations for a far-reaching trans-Atlantic

trade deal, but French indignation over recent remarks by a high-ranking Brussels official created its own trade-talks sideshow here at the Group of Eight meeting. Obama said that the first round of negotiations would begin in Washington next month between the United States and the 27-nation Europe Union.

"The U.S.-EU relationship is the largest in the world - it makes up almost half of global GDP," Obama said, adding that "this potentially groundbreaking partnership would deepen those

ties." But France's president, François Hollande, arrived in Northern Ireland expressing disbelief at comments made over the weekend by the European Commission president, José Manuel Barroso.

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# US, EU to start ambitious but delicate trade talks

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In an interview with The International Herald Tribune/New York Times, Barroso had criticized France's insistence on protecting its

Cameron, the summit host, was by far the most effusive among the leaders who spoke about their trade ambitions.

"We're talking about what could be the biggest bilat-

eral trade deal in history, a deal that would have a greater impact than all the other trade deals on the table put together," he said. A European Union-U.S. trade deal has been a

longstanding ambition of policy makers. According to the European Commission, the executive arm of the 27-nation bloc, such a deal would allow European companies to sell an additional 187 billion euros worth of goods and services a year to the United States. The angry French response highlights the sensitivity of the trade negotiations, which will aim to reduce trans-Atlantic tariffs and streamline regulations to stimulate economic growth in the United States and Europe.

On Friday, after a campaign by French artists and politicians, European Union trade ministers agreed to, at least initially, accede to France's demands to protect the audiovisual sector. In his interview, Barroso had said France's Socialist government was advocating an "anti-globalization agenda" that was "com-

pletely reactionary."

Barroso's comments were described as "scandalous and dangerous" in a statement Monday from the French Socialist Party.

In addressing reporters Monday, Barroso took no questions and did not comment on the French backlash.

But speaking in Brussels, Olivier Bailly, a spokesman for European Commission, said that Barroso's comments in the interview had referred not to the French government but to those who had made "made personal attacks" against him in the run-up to the negotiations. Bailly did not identify those concerned. Some Europeans worry that, in response to the French objections, the United States will seek to exclude financial services from the talks, thereby reducing their scope significantly. □



President Barack Obama meets with Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership members at the G8 Summit at Lough Erne in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, Monday, June 17, 2013. Facing camera, from left are, the president, British Prime Minister David Cameron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

(AP Photo/Kevin Lamarque)

film and television industries as a condition of supporting the trade negotiations.

"I do not want to believe that the president of the European Commission could have made the statements about France, or even about the artists, that were made," said Hollande, according to the websites of several French news organizations.

Hollande did not make an appearance in a steamy media tent here at the Lough Erne Resort, where Obama and Barroso made statements about the trade talks along with Herman Van Rompuy, president of the European Council, and David Cameron, the British prime minister. French reporters said Hollande was busy preparing for his meeting later with the Russian president, Vladimir Putin.

Aside from trade, the two-day G-8 meeting is likely to be dominated by tensions over how to deal with the crisis in Syria and to focus on measures to clamp down on tax evasion and the legal ruses used by multinational companies to limit their tax liabilities.

## Witness:

# Man who disrupted flight ranted about CIA



Paula Shea, of Florida, an airline passenger arriving from Hong Kong, answers a question in the international arrivals area at Newark Liberty Airport, Monday, June 17, 2013, in Newark, N.J. about a fellow passenger who claimed everyone on the flight was poisoned.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

**KATIE ZEZIMA**

**Associated Press**

**NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)**

— A man loudly ranted about national security, the CIA and international spying while on a flight from Hong Kong to the U.S. on Monday, causing passengers to tackle him and

bind his hands and feet. Passengers said the FBI met United Airlines Flight 116 as it landed at Newark Liberty International Airport, one of the major airports serving New York City, and escorted the man away.

The man's name has not been released, but passengers described him as American. Passengers said he started screaming about nine hours into the 15-hour flight about being afraid of the FBI and fearing he was going to be killed. He asked that the flight be diverted to Canada.

"He was clearly not stable," said passenger Jacques Roizen, who helped wrestle the man to the floor and sat in the same row as him after he was restrained. Roizen said he and other passengers and a flight attendant subdued the man when he started reaching for his pockets.

United said it followed its procedures for dealing with disruptive passengers and decided to continue the flight as scheduled.

Passenger Peter Jones said the passenger called out what he said was his name, his birthdate and his Social Security number several times and said he worked for the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi.

Jones said the man claimed to have information about Edward Snowden, a former U.S. government contractor who leaked a once-secret National Security Agency surveillance program two weeks ago.

"He was just saying he had information relating to Ed Snowden and he was being taken back to some safe house somewhere, never to be seen again," Jones said.

A man who said he was on the same flight and recorded the incident with his phone played the audio for reporters. On the recording, a man screamed and repeated "I'm dead" 23 times. The passenger who recorded the clip did not wish to give his name. "Snowden? No, he's right! I know this now, I know this

because of what just happened to me. He's totally right," the man in the recording said.

Jones said he never heard the man threaten passengers or the plane. While the plane was still in the air, the FBI said the man had claimed everyone aboard the plane was being poisoned, but the agency later said it was working to clarify what the man said.

"He said something that people are going to poison him, that he was going to die," Jones said.

On the recording, the man claimed to work for the government.

"You work for the CIA! If you work for the National Reconnaissance Office, you will not get a trial by jury. You will not get a trial by jury. They think I've done something wrong, put me in front of a judge, say I'm guilty," the man on the recording said.

Another passenger, Paula Shea, said the man claimed he was married to a Chinese spy. □

## G-8 NOTEBOOK

JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press

**ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP)** — Associated Press writer Jim Kuhnhenen shares his notes on some of the less notable moments on Day 1 of the 2013 G-8 Summit:

- If President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin want some extra quality time together at the Group of 8 meeting, they don't have to go far. The U.S. cottage at the Lough Erne resort where the summit is being held is just a few yards from the Russian cottage, the closest U.S. neighbor of all the G-8 delegations. Upon arrival, Obama stepped out of his limousine and wandered over toward a cottage bearing the Russian flag. The cottages overlook a picturesque lake, and Obama took in the sight, chatted with resort staff then returned to his own cottage. The proximity is all the more remarkable given the tension over how to deal with Syria between the two leaders, who were meeting on the sidelines of the summit Monday evening. Obama just announced the U.S. will supply military support to Syrian rebels fighting in a civil war. Russia has been supplying arms to the regime of Bashar Assad.

- It's not easy to separate Obama from the golf links, even if the clubs had to stay back in Washington. The longing to play, though, is palpable. Obama and other G-8 leaders are meeting at a 5-star golf resort but Obama's schedule will keep him from the course designed by Nick Faldo that is a favorite of Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy. "I am unhappy that I will not get a few rounds in while I'm here," Obama said Monday in a speech in Belfast. "I did meet Rory McIlroy last year and Rory offered to get my swing 'sorted,'" he added to laughter, "which was a polite way of saying, 'Mr. President, you need help.'" But if he couldn't get any swings in, Obama at least got to set foot on the course. Flying in from Belfast on Marine One, Obama landed on the fairway of the 14th hole, the rotors of his helicopter kicking up sand from a nearby bunker.

- They've played ping pong together. They've watched basketball. They've kept an eye on the European Champions' League soccer final last year during the G-8 meeting in Camp David. No doubt, Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron like a good competition. So on Monday, a visit to a local primary school resulted in yet another match — which world leader could first fill in a letter on a G-8 painting the students were working on. The site was Enniskillen Integrated Primary School, the only Protestant-Catholic primary school in County Fermanagh. The president joked with the prime minister as they painted with their sleeves rolled up, "Do you think you can handle this, David?" Obama chatted with the students as they worked, while Cameron made headway. Soon, Cameron was finished and the teacher called out, "Three cheers for the prime minister. Hip, hip, hooray." Obama replied, "Now I feel bad. I didn't realize David was going to move so fast." Obama refused to admit defeat, insisting: "I'm not as good as these guys, but I'm better than David."

- If the leaders of the world's wealthiest nations have their way, the tie industry may be in trouble. Whether in closed-door session or striding before cameras along Lough Erne, the leaders are united in freeing their necks from bondage. Onlookers debated whether the leaders had slashed their neckwear budgets in a new round of austerity. When Cameron assembled the leaders of America, France, Germany, Italy and Ireland and European Union chiefs round the same table to discuss their hopes of an EU-US free trade deal, the British leader had lost his blue blazer from the morning. His white dress shirt was tieless, his sleeves rolled up to the elbows. All around him, informality was not up for discussion as every leader had done likewise. German Chancellor Angela Merkel maintained style points with a teal jacket and navy pencil trousers. □

## G8 exposes rift among leaders on Syria

JULIE PACE

AP White House Correspondent

**ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP)** — Deep differences over Syria's fierce civil war clouded a summit of world leaders Monday, with Russian President Vladimir Putin defiantly rejecting calls from the U.S., Britain and France to halt his political and military support for Syrian leader Bashar Assad's regime. But there were also fissures among the three Western nations, despite their shared belief that Assad must leave power. Britain and France appear un-

lationship, did little to hide their differing views on the matter while speaking to reporters following a one-on-one meeting on the sidelines of the summit Monday evening. The two-hour meeting marked the first time the leaders have met in-person since last year.

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President Barack Obama meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, Monday, June 17, 2013. Obama and Putin discussed the ongoing conflict in Syria during their bilateral meeting. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

willing — at least for now — to join President Barack Obama in arming the Syrian rebels, a step the U.S. president reluctantly finalized last week.

The debate over the Syria conflict loomed large as the two-day summit of the Group of 8 industrial nations opened Monday at a lake-side resort in Northern Ireland. The lack of consensus even among allies underscored the vexing nature of the two-year conflict in Syria, where at least 93,000 people have been killed as rebels struggle to overtake Assad forces buttressed by support from Hezbollah, Iran and Russia.

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lationship, did little to hide their differing views on the matter while speaking to reporters following a one-on-one meeting on the sidelines of the summit Monday evening. The two-hour meeting marked the first time the leaders have met in-person since last year.

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that it had definitive evidence of multiple instances of chemical weapons use by Assad's regime against the opposition. Britain and France have also accused Assad of using the deadly agent sarin, while Russia has publicly questioned the credibility of chemical weapons evidence.

"It's necessary to refrain from unproven claims by either party," Putin adviser Alexei Kvasov told reporters at the summit Monday. "We have no evidence proving it."

Moscow's continued support for Assad is based in part on Russia's deep economic and military ties with his regime. □



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## Supreme Court rejects Arizona 'proof of citizenship' law

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**WASHINGTON** - Arizona may not require documentary proof of citizenship from people seeking to vote in federal elections there, the Supreme Court ruled in a 7-2 decision Monday.

Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the majority in *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona*, No. 12-71, said a federal law requiring states to "accept and use" a federal form displaced an Arizona law requiring various kinds of proof of citizenship. The federal law, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, allows voters to register using a federal form that asks, "Are you a citizen of the United States?" Prospective voters must check a box for yes or no, and they must sign the form, swearing under the penalty of perjury that they are citizens.

The state law, by contrast, required prospective voters to prove that they were citizens by providing copies of or information concerning various documents, including birth certificates, passports, naturalization papers or driver's licenses, which are available only to people who are in the state lawfully.

The state law was a result of a 2004 voter initiative, Proposition 200, that said it was meant to combat voter fraud. The law has given rise to tangled proceedings ever since. Under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Arizona was required to obtain federal approval before it changed its voting procedures. The Justice Department granted approval in 2005.

According to the plaintiffs in the case, tens of thousands of Arizonans have been denied the ability to vote because they failed to present the required evidence.

Much of Scalia's majority opinion concerned the meaning of the phrase "accept and use." Arizona officials argued that they do accept and use the form but also require additional information. An airline may accept and use e-tickets, they said, but also require identification.

When the case was argued in March, Thomas C. Horne, Arizona's attorney general, said the federal approach was insufficient to protect the integrity of federal elections in his state. "It's essentially an honor system," he said of the statement required by the

federal form. "It does not do the job."

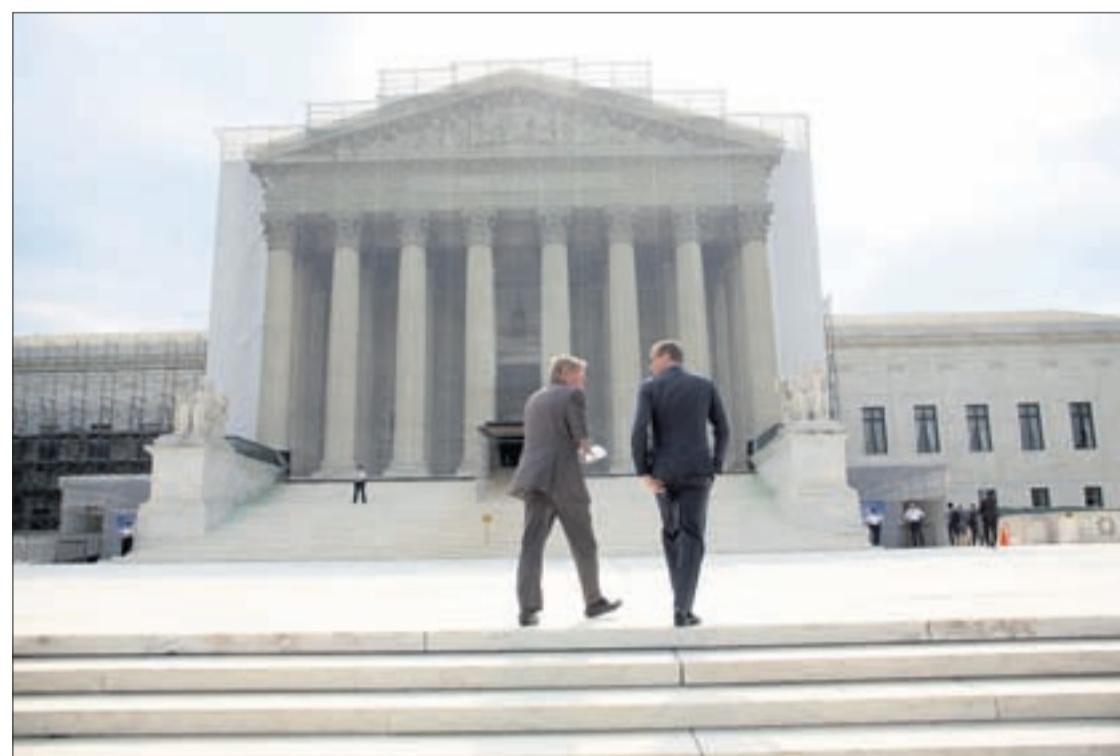
In the decision Monday, Scalia said the phrase "accept and use," when understood in context, meant that the federal form had to be accepted as sufficient. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Ste-

phen G. Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan joined all of the majority opinion, and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy joined most of it. In a long dissent, Clarence Thomas said the Constitution gave states the power "to determine the qualifications of voters in federal elections, which necessarily includes the related power to determine whether those qualifications are satisfied."

"Congressional legislation of voter qualifications was not part of the framers's design," Thomas wrote.

In a second dissent, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. focused on the language of the federal law, which he said was ambiguous. The majority's interpretation of it, Alito wrote, "produces truly strange results." He said he would read the law to mean that states "accept and use" the federal form so long as it is "a meaningful part of the registration process."

Alito likened his proposed process to the common application used by many colleges and universities. □



Attorney Ted Olson, left, who challenged California's Proposition 8, the state measure that banned gay marriage, arrives at the Supreme Court in Washington, June 17, 2013. Arizona may not require documentary proof of citizenship from prospective voters, the Supreme Court ruled in a 7-to-2 decision on Monday. (Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

### Justices:

## Drugmakers can be sued over 'pay-for-delay' deals

**EDWARD WYATT**

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**WASHINGTON** - Federal regulators can sue drug companies for antitrust violations when brand-name drugmakers pay generic competitors to keep cheaper, rival copies of a drug off the market, the Supreme Court ruled Monday.

In a decision that shifts the balance of power in the drug business, manufacturers will now have to defend the agreements against charges that they violate anti-competition laws, perhaps exposing the companies to a greater likelihood

of aggressive competition from generic drugs and to lawsuits from drug retailers and wholesalers, insurers and others. Consumers also could benefit from sharply lower drug costs.

The court did not address whether the agreements, called pay-for-delay or reverse payments, were presumptively unlawful. But it laid out a number of possibilities under which the contracts could be attacked by antitrust officials. In a 5-3 vote, with one abstention, the justices invalidated lower-court rulings that the agreements were legal as long as they did

not keep a generic drug off the market for longer than the scope of the brand-name drug's patent, even if the generic company had sued to have that patent invalidated.

The case pitted a company's constitutional right to protect its intellectual property - through reliance on a patent that excludes competitors - against antitrust law, which holds that a company cannot unfairly exclude others from legitimately entering a business with a rival product. In the case, *Federal Trade Commission v. Actavis*, No. 12-416, the FTC charged

that a payment to Actavis by Solvay Pharmaceuticals, the holder of a patent on a testosterone gel known as AndroGel, represented an unlawful restraint of trade because it was intended to keep Actavis from producing its generic version of AndroGel for a certain number of years.

That also raises the cost that consumers pay for prescription drugs, the agency argued.

In a standard patent infringement lawsuit, a settlement payment would be made by an infringer to the patent holder. □

# Chinese activist says he's being forced out by NYU

GILLIAN WONG  
Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)**—Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng, who was allowed to travel to the U.S. after escaping from house arrest, said Monday that New York University is forcing him and his family to leave at the end of this month because of pressure from the Chinese government. The university on Monday again denied Chen's allegations.

Chen said in a statement that China's Communist Party had been applying "great, unrelenting pressure" on NYU to ask him to leave, though he did not provide details or evidence to back his claim. Chen said Beijing's authoritarian government has more influence on the American academic community than is perceived. "The work of the Chinese Communists within academic circles in the United States is far greater than what people imagine, and some scholars have no option but to hold themselves back," he said. "Academic independence and academic freedom in

the United States are being greatly threatened by a totalitarian regime."

NYU officials called Chen's account puzzling, saying that his fellowship was meant to be a one-year position and had simply concluded as planned, and that school officials have been talking with him for months about what his next step might be. The blind dissident sparked a diplomatic crisis between China and the U.S. last year when he fled to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing from house arrest. Since last May, he'd been a special student at NYU's U.S.-Asia Law institute. He has been working on a book due out later this year. NYU spokesman John Beckman said in a statement Monday that the conclusion of Chen's fellowship had nothing to do with the Chinese government.

"We are very discouraged to learn of Mr. Chen's statement, which contains a number of speculations about the role of the Chinese government in NYU's decision-making that are

both false and contradicted by the well-established facts," Beckman said.

Beckman said that even before Chen's family's arrival in the States the fellow-

generous in supporting this family, and we are puzzled and saddened to see these false claims directed at us," Beckman said.

The dissident said that as

NYU was already discussing their departure.

Beckman responded that the university began talking to the Chens "not because of some fictional 'pressure'



Chinese human rights activist Chen Guangcheng, center, smiles on Capitol Hill in Washington. Chen, who was allowed to travel to the U.S. after escaping from house arrest, said Monday, June 17, that New York University is forcing him and his family to leave at the end of this month because of pressure from the Chinese government. The university denied Chen's allegations.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

ship he was to take at the university was discussed as a one-year position.

"NYU believes it has been

early as last August and September, three to four months after his family had arrived in the United States,

from China, but so that they could use the months to make their transition a smooth one." □

## US woman condemned at 16 for killing is freed

CHARLES WILSON  
Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — A U.S. woman who became the country's youngest death row inmate at age 16, sparking protests, after confessing to her role in the murder of a 78-year-old Bible studies teacher has been released from prison after spending a quarter century behind bars.

Paula Cooper, whose sentence enraged human rights activists and drew a plea for clemency from Pope John Paul II, left the state prison quietly in a state vehicle and wearing donated clothing, Department of Correction spokesman Doug Garrison said. The Indiana prison gave the now-43-year-old woman \$75 to help her make a fresh start. When asked where Cooper was being taken, Garrison said, "We

have something arranged, but that's not something I can talk about."

Cooper was 15 when she used a butcher's knife to cut Ruth Pelke 33 times during a robbery that ended in Pelke's death. Her three companions received lighter sentences, but Cooper confessed to the killing. Shortly after she was sentenced, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the execution of young people who were under 16 at the time they committed an offense could not be sentenced to death, saying it counted as cruel and unusual punishment and was thus unconstitutional. "Even in Europe it was a rallying cry," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington. "Her case really became a symbol of the death penalty." □

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## Former hitman takes stand at Bulger trial

DENISE LAVOIE  
AP Legal Affairs Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — A former U.S. gangster who admitted killing 20 people was unemotional Monday when describing his work during the trial of his former partner, James "Whitey" Bulger, but he called himself heartbroken when he finally learned that Bulger had become an FBI informant.

Bulger, now 83, was one of the nation's most wanted

fugitives for years until he was caught in 2011. He is charged in a broad racketeering indictment that accuses him of participating in 19 murders in the 1970s and '80s.

John Martorano was questioned about a string of murders he committed while he, Bulger and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi were members of the Winter Hill Gang.

"They were my partners in crime, they were my best

friends, they were my children's godfathers," Martorano said.

He said he was stunned to learn years later that Bulger and Flemmi had been providing information to the FBI at the same time they were committing crimes. Martorano, 72, is one of three former Bulger cohorts who cooperated with the government and agreed to testify against Bulger in return for reduced sentences. □



Starbucks is seen across the street from the building which once housed the Triple O's bar in the South Boston neighborhood of Boston, Thursday, June 6, 2013. Four decades after Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger first rose to power, "Southie" is not what it used to be.

(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

## Outgoing US diplomat: pipeline decision looms

ROB GILLIES  
Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — Outgoing U.S. ambassador to Canada David Jacobson said Monday he is leaving the relationship between Canada and the United States in a very good state, but acknowledged a "very important decision" on the contentious Keystone XL pipeline looms.

Jacobson, who leaves July 4 after a four-year stint, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the Obama administration knows how important the pipeline is to Canada but he won't speculate about how much it would damage the relationship should it not be approved.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said the pipeline "absolutely

needs to go ahead" and Alberta's premier has said if it's rejected it would mar the relationship between Canada and the U.S.

Asked to name his biggest accomplishment, Jacobson said he's proud that when problems arise between the countries people "take it in stride" and people "don't go off the reservation."

But Jacobson is leaving before the president decides whether to approve the pipeline, which would carry 800,000 barrels of oil a day from Alberta across six U.S. states to the Texas Gulf Coast.

A decision is expected this year.

Jacobson said some people will be happy with the Keystone XL decision and some won't. He said he's

been in meetings between U.S. President Barack Obama and Harper where Harper has stressed the pipeline's importance to Canada, which needs infrastructure in place to export its ingrowing oil sands production.

The northern Alberta region has the world's third largest oil reserves, with 170 billion barrels of proven reserves. A lack of pipelines and a bottleneck of oil in the U.S. Midwest have reduced the price of Canadian crude, costing oil producers and the federal and Alberta governments billions in revenue. Harper has said the pipeline "absolutely needs to go ahead" and Alberta's premier has said if it's rejected it would mar the relationship between Canada and the U.S. □

Many of those charged were of Pakistani descent and it was believed that most, if not all, of the workers in the country illegally were also from Pakistan.

## U.S. feds seize 14 7-Eleven stores in immigration raids

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The raids come at a time when Washington is embroiled in an intense debate over an overhaul of the nation's immigration system, including stronger enforcement at the borders and in workplaces. The charges and two indictments were announced at a news conference Monday by Loretta E. Lynch, the U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, and James T. Hayes, who is in charge of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's office of investigations in New York City, along with officials from the New York state police and the Suffolk County Police Department.

Through the scheme, officials said, the defendants hired more than 50 people who were in the country illegally, provided them with more than 20 identities stolen from U.S. citizens, including children and dead people, put them up at houses owned by the defendants and stole substantial portions of their wages.

"From their 7-Eleven stores the defendants dispensed wire fraud and identity theft, along with Slurpees and hot dogs," Lynch said. "In bedroom communities across Long Island and Virginia, the defendants not only systematically employed illegal immigrants but concealed their crimes by raiding the cradle and grave to steal the identities of children and even the dead."

Lynch said the defendants "ruthlessly exploited their immigrant employees," forcing them to live in unregulated boardinghouses and "creating a modern-day plantation system."

The charges against the owners and managers - eight men and a woman - included wire fraud conspiracy and aggravated identity theft.

A neighbor who lives near the house said it had been divided into several apartments. □

officials said.

In one instance, an employee of one franchise was paid using the Social Security number of a former 7-Eleven employee, a person who had not worked for the store for 10 years and who had been the target of collection efforts by the Internal Revenue Service for much of that time because of the reported payments to the worker who was in the country illegally, officials said. The conduct charged, officials said, had been going on since 2000, during which the defendants generated over \$182 million in revenue. Twenty-five of the 40 additional 7-Eleven franchises under scrutiny were to be inspected Monday as part of the ongoing investigation.

Officials said the parent company lacked enough internal controls to prevent the same Social Security numbers from being used to pay more than one store employee, which happened in more than one instance.

Scott Matter, a spokesman for the parent company, said the company was aware of the arrests and seizures and "has been cooperating with federal authorities during their investigation." Matter said the company would have no comment until it learned more about the case.

Eight of the nine who had been charged in the indictments were in custody, five of them in New York and three in Virginia, officials said. The last individual was being sought.

One of the raids took place about 6 a.m., at a 7-Eleven on Long Island, according to a law enforcement agent at the scene who declined to give his name or reveal the agency he worked for. One person, he said, was taken into custody from the store and two people were taken away from a house across the street.

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## US Financial Front:

# Americans look to Bernanke to clarify stimulus plans

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Is the era of ultra-low interest rates nearing an end?

When he takes questions this week after a Federal Reserve meeting, Chairman Ben Bernanke will confront investors' fear that rates are headed higher. Financial markets have been gyrating in the 3½ weeks since Bernanke told Congress the Fed might scale back its effort to keep long-term rates at record lows within "the next few meetings"— earlier than many had assumed.

Bernanke cautioned that the Fed would slow its support only if it felt confident the job market would show sustained improvement. And earlier in the day, he said the Fed must take care not to prematurely reduce its stimulus for the still-subpar economy.

Yet investors were left puzzled and spooked by a mixed message. Fear spread that the Fed would soon slow its \$85 billion-a-month in bond purchases. Those purchases have been intended to hold down long-term borrowing rates to spur spending. Low rates are credited with helping fuel a housing rebound, sustain economic growth, drive stock prices to record highs and restore the wealth America had lost to the Great Recession. Many fear that a pullback in the Fed's bond purchases could boost long-term rates, trigger a stock sell-off and perhaps weaken the economy.

On Wednesday, when the Fed ends a two-day policy meeting with a Bernanke news conference, the financial world will be

looking to the chairman to settle the confusion. What, Bernanke will likely be asked, would show sustained improvement in the job market? And when will the Fed most likely slow the pace of its bond purchases?

Some analysts think Bernanke will signal to investors that the Fed has no immediate plans to curtail its stimulus.

"The Fed has worked very hard to get stock prices and home prices rising to help the economy, and I don't think they want to back away from that in any way," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "I think Bernanke will deliver a strong message that the Fed is not going to taper until the job market is improving in a consistent way."

Last month, the U.S. economy added a solid 175,000 jobs. But the unemployment rate was 7.6 percent. Economists tend to regard the job market as healthy when unemployment is between 5 percent and 6 percent.

Since Bernanke's vague public comments May 22, the Dow Jones industrial average has fluctuated sharply and shed about 3 percent of its value. But the bigger shock has been in the bond market. The rate on the benchmark 10-year Treasury has jumped from a low of 1.63 percent in early May to 2.13 percent.

By historical measures, the rate on the 10-year Treasury is still extraordinarily low. It would have to rise dramatically, for example, to return to where it was during the 2000s, when it ranged mainly between 4

percent and 6 percent. Still, higher rates ripple through the economy by making mortgages and other loans costlier. The average rate on the 30-year

Others warn that rates kept too low for too long raise the risk of high inflation and financial instability later. The Fed's investment purchases have swollen its

purchases. The earliest the Fed is expected to announce a pullback is at its September meeting—and only then if unemployment has declined and the economy is growing faster than its current sluggish annual pace of around 2 percent.

Other analysts think the economy will not have recovered enough by September. They believe the earliest the Fed will reduce its stimulus is at its final meeting of the year in December. Until then, they think Bernanke will seek to reassure investors that the Fed will make sure the economy has strengthened before it acts.

Some in this camp say the economy will continue to be held back by a Social Security tax increase that kicked in January and by federal spending cuts that began taking effect March 1.

"There is nothing in the underlying economy that would suggest the Fed needs to change policy any time soon," said Brian Bethune, an economics professor at Gordon College in Massachusetts. "There is considerably slower growth on the radar screen and absolutely no inflation to worry about."

Indeed, the Fed's preferred gauge of inflation tied to consumer spending rose just 0.7 percent in the 12 months that ended in April—far below the Fed's 2 percent target.

In addition to a statement announcing its policy stance and Bernanke's news conference, the Fed on Wednesday will update its economic forecasts, which it does four times a year. □



Chairman Ben Bernanke listens during a Federal Reserve policy meeting.

(Handout Photo)

fixed mortgage, which tends to track the 10-year Treasury yield, reached 3.98 percent last week, according to Freddie Mac. That's its highest level since April 2012.

Just as cheap mortgages have helped feed a housing recovery, higher rates might slow it. Refinancings have declined since Bernanke's comments led to higher mortgage rates: Refinancings are 36 percent below their recent peak at the start of May, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Compounding the confusion stirred by Bernanke's remarks have been comments from other members of the Fed's policy committee. Minutes of the previous meeting suggest a sharp division: Some, like Bernanke, still stress the need to fight high unemployment with low rates.

portfolio to \$3.4 trillion—a four-fold increase since before the 2008 financial crisis. Eventually, the Fed will need to gradually sell its portfolio. Doing so would likely lead to higher rates. Yet some think it would also defuse some risks to the financial system.

Alan Greenspan, who preceded Bernanke as Fed chairman for nearly two decades, said in a recent interview on CNBC, "The sooner we come to grips with this excessive level of assets on the balance sheet of the Federal Reserve—that everybody agrees is excessive—the better."

Economists say Bernanke will seek to clarify the Fed's message Wednesday. Yet they're unsure what he'll say.

Some think he could spell out the Fed's likely timetable for curtailing its bond

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## President-elect of Iran talks of easing tensions with US

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TEHRAN, Iran — President-elect Hasan Rowhani of Iran, speaking on Monday for the first time since his election victory, said he wanted to reduce tensions with the United States but ruled out direct talks between the two estranged nations.

In his first news conference after winning Friday's presidential election promising more freedoms and better relations with the outside world, Rowhani called the issue of nonexistent relations between Iran and the United States "an old wound, which must be healed."

Iran, he said, wants to reduce tensions between the two countries, which have no diplomatic relations and are at odds over the nature of Iran's nuclear enrichment program. Echoing similar statements from the departing administration of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Rowhani said there would

be no direct talks until the United States stopped "interfering in Iran's domestic politics," respect what he called Iran's nuclear rights and lift economic sanctions.

"All should know that the next government will not budge from defending our inalienable rights," Rowhani told reporters. He emphasized that like those of his predecessors, his government would not be prepared to suspend uranium enrichment, something he had done as a nuclear negotiator in 2004 as a trust-building measure in discussions with European countries.

"We have passed that period," he said of that time. "We are now in a different situation."

Instead, Rowhani, who will take office on Aug. 3, offered more openness concerning Iran's nuclear program, saying that was his way of working to end the sanctions that have severely damaged the Iranian economy.

Iran has always contended that its uranium enrichment is for peaceful purposes, rejecting Western suspicions that the country

increase transparency and clarify our measures within the international framework," he said. "Of course our activities are already

the trust between Iran and the world."

Inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency have repeatedly



Iranian President-elect Hasan Rowhani listens to a question at a press conference in Tehran, Iran, Monday, June 17, 2013. Iran's newly elected president pledged on Monday to follow a "path of moderation" and promised greater openness over the country's nuclear program, but sided with the hard-line Islamic establishment that refuses to consider halting uranium enrichment.

(AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)

is seeking the capability to build weapons.

"First, we are ready to in-

transparent, but still we increase it," Rowhani said.

"Second, we will increase

sought access to the military site of Parchin, near Tehran. □

## Bill Clinton: Israel must make peace to survive

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton urged Israel to make peace with Palestinians in order to survive as a Jewish and democratic state at a conference Monday evening, adding his voice to a chorus of prominent pro-Israel figures warning of the urgency of peacemaking for the country's own survival. Clinton spoke hours after an Israeli Cabinet minister declared that the Palestinians

would not establish a state in territory Israel controls.

It underscored a chasm between the country's official support for creating an independent Palestinian state and the hard-line opponents who dominate Israel's ruling coalition. Repeating arguments made for years by Israeli doves and centrists, Clinton warned that increasing numbers of Palestinians under Israeli rule will ultimately force the country to lose either its Jewish majority or its democratic nature if Pales-

tinians are not given equal rights as citizens. "Is it really okay with you if Israel has a majority of its people living within your territory who are not now, and never will be, allowed to vote?" Clinton asked at a conference in central Israel honoring President Shimon Peres, who is turning 90. "If it is, can you say with a straight face that you'll be a democracy? If you let them vote, can you live with not being a Jewish state? And if you can't live with one of those things, then you are left with trying

to cobble together some theory of a two-state solution," he said, with a Palestinian state next to Israel.

Clinton was referring to the 4.4 million Palestinians who live in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, territories that Israel conquered in the 1967 Mideast war. Another 1.4 million live inside Israel, alongside about 6.5 million Jews. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005, but it retains significant control over movement of goods and people. Israel has built more than

100 settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, where some 500,000 of its citizens live. Israel annexed east Jerusalem and sees its settlements there as neighborhoods. The international community does not recognize the annexation.

Peace negotiations have repeatedly stalled in recent years. Palestinians say they will not negotiate while Israel builds in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, which they claim for their future state, along with Gaza. □

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## Syria's Assad: EU will pay a price for arming rebels

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**BEIRUT (AP)** — Syria's president warned that Europe "will pay a price" if it delivers weapons to rebels fighting to topple him, saying in an interview published Monday that arming them would backfire as the "terrorists" return to their countries with extremist ideologies. Bashar Assad also dismissed the U.S. administration's findings that the Syrian army used chemical weapons in the civil war. Assad's comments were his first since Friday's decision by President Barack Obama to authorize weapons and ammunition shipments to Syrian rebels, after confirming that Assad's regime used chemical weapons against them.

The Syrian pound plunged to a new low on Monday, apparently over news of the U.S. decision to arm the rebels. The European Union has also allowed a weapons embargo against Syria to expire, allowing members of the 27-nation bloc to arm the rebels. France and Britain are moving in that direction, but the German government opposes such a move.

Assad's interview with the German daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Rundschau appeared aimed at reinforcing German skepticism. "If the Europeans ship weapons, Europe's backyard becomes a terrorists' place, and Europe will pay a price for it," Assad said in Arabic comments translated into German.

Chaos in Syria would result in "the direct export of terrorism to Europe," he warned. "Terrorists will return to Europe with fighting experience and extremist ideologies."

Assad also insisted that European efforts to distinguish between good and bad rebels when it comes to shipping weapons amounts to "differentiating between 'good' and 'bad' Taliban a few years ago, or a 'good' and 'bad' al-Qaida."

The interview was conducted in a government building in Damascus last week. Following the U.S. decision on Friday, the president answered a few more questions via email Sunday, the newspaper said.

Assad disputed the U.S. administration's findings that at least 150 people have been killed in chemical weapons attacks in Syria, noting that Western countries have yet to unveil evidence to prove their claim. "Weapons of mass destruction are capable of killing hundreds, thousands at once. That's why they are used. That's why it is not logical to use chemical weapons to kill a number of people that can be achieved through conventional weapons," Assad said. "If Paris, London and Washington had only one piece of evidence backing up their allegations, they would have unveiled it to the world," he added.

At least 93,000 people have been killed in Syria's conflict since it erupted in March 2011, according to a recent U.N. estimate. Millions have been displaced. The civil war is increasingly being fought along sectarian lines, pitting Sunni Muslims against Shiites. It is also threatening the stability of Syria's neighbors, including Lebanon and Iraq. Sunnis dominate the rebel ranks, while the Assad regime is mostly made up of Alawites, an offshoot sect of Shiite Islam.

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## Unions give lift to Turkish protesters

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ISTANBUL (AP) — Labor groups fanned a wave of defiance against Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's authority on Monday, leading rallies and a one-day strike to support activists whose two-week standoff with the government has shaken Turkey's secular democracy. Riot police again deployed in Turkey's two main cities, and authorities kept up their unyielding stance against the street demonstrations. But Monday's police sweep was less forceful than in recent days — with only scattered firing of tear gas and water cannon on pockets of protesters.

After activists were ousted from their sit-in in Istanbul's Gezi Park over the weekend, two labor confederations that represent some 330,000 workers picked up the slack Monday by calling a strike and demonstrations nationwide. Unionists turned up by the thousands

in Ankara, Istanbul, coastal Izmir and elsewhere.

The turnout defied Turkey's interior minister, Muammer Guler, who warned that anyone taking part in unlawful demonstrations would "bear the legal consequences." But one analyst called the rallies a "legitimate and a lawful expression of constitutional rights." "People are raising their voices against the excessive use of police force," said Koray Caliskan, a political science professor at Istanbul's Bosphorus University. Demonstrators, he said, were showing they were no longer cowed by authorities, and "the fear threshold has been broken." In a sign that authorities were unbowed and increasingly impatient, Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc floated the prospect that authorities could call in troops to quash the ongoing protests.

Erdogan's opponents have grown increasingly suspicious about what they call a gradual erosion of free-

doms and secular values under his Islamic-rooted ruling party. It has passed new curbs on alcohol and tried, but later abandoned its plans, to limit women's access to abortion.

The government set off protests nationwide and drew criticism abroad over a police crackdown that began May 31 against environmentalists and other activists in Istanbul's Taksim Square who were protesting against plans to tear down trees and re-develop the adjacent Gezi Park. Thousands have flooded the streets nightly since then, many honking car horns and waving Turkish flags.

Erdogan, who has held power for 10 years and was re-elected in 2011, mobilized his supporters over the weekend in two huge rallies — insisting his duty was to keep order, railing against media coverage of the protests, and lashing out at unspecified foreigners whom he said want to hurt Turkey. □



People walk during a rally by the labor unions in Istanbul, Turkey, Monday, June 17, 2013. Labor unions and political foes of Prime Minister Recep Erdogan rallied Monday by the thousands across Turkey, hoping to capitalize on weeks of protest that began as small-scale activism and parlay it into a chance to register broader discontent.

(AP Photo)

# Report of UK hacking of diplomats angers nations

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**LONDON (AP)** — A newspaper report that British eavesdropping agency GCHQ repeatedly hacked into foreign diplomats' phones and emails has prompted an angry response from traditional rival Russia and provoked demands for an investigation from Turkey and South Africa.

Although spying on diplomats is as old as diplomacy itself, the Guardian's report laid out in explicit detail steps taken by GCHQ to monitor foreign officials' conversations in real time, saying that British spies had hacked emails, stolen passwords and gone so far as to set up a bugged Internet cafe in an effort to get an edge in high-stakes negotiations.

The Guardian cited more than half a dozen internal government documents provided by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden as the basis for its reporting on GCHQ's intelligence operations, which it says involved, among other things, hacking into the South African foreign ministry's computer network, targeting the Turkish delegation at the 2009 Group of 20 summit in London and using the vast spying base at northern England's Menwith Hill to monitor the

satellite communications of Russian leader Dmitry Medvedev.

Russians responded angrily. "It's a scandal! The U.S. and British special services tapped (then President Dmitry) Medvedev's phone at the 2009 G-20 summit.

The U.S. denies it, but we can't trust them," Alexei Pushkov, the Kremlin-connected chief of foreign affairs committee in the lower house of Russian parliament, wrote on his Twitter feed Monday.

Turkey's Ministry of Foreign Affairs called the report alarming, saying in a statement that if the story was true "this will evidently constitute a scandal."

"Such (an) act by an allied country would clearly be deemed unacceptable," the statement went on. "British authorities are expected to present an official and satisfactory explanation on this issue."

South African diplomats said in a statement that they were concerned by

the report, demanding that London "investigate this matter fully."

Experts say that while the expressions of shock may be spurious — it's widely known that all nearly all countries spy on one another — Britain's standing

could nevertheless suffer real damage.

The report was awkwardly timed, coming as Britain opened the G-8 summit, a meeting of the world's leading economies that include Russia, in Northern Ireland on Monday. The

allegation that the United Kingdom previously used its position as host to spy on its allies and other attendees could make for awkward conversation as the delegates tackle the issues of Syria, taxes and free trade. □



A bus drives past a banner supporting Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee who leaked top-secret documents about sweeping U.S. surveillance programs, at Central, Hong Kong's business district, Tuesday, June 18, 2013. Snowden, the National Security Agency leaker, is defending his disclosure of top-secret U.S. spying programs in an online chat Monday with Britain's Guardian newspaper and attacked U.S. officials for calling him a traitor.

(AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

## Greek coalition avoids collapse over TV shutdown

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**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — The Greek government has avoided collapsing over a dispute stemming from Prime Minister Antonis

Samaras' move to close the state-owned television broadcaster after a high court ruling offered a way out of a week-long impasse that drew international criticism. Greece is implementing tough spending cuts,

tax hikes and administrative reforms demanded by international creditors who are providing the country with vital rescue loans. But Samaras' conservative ruling party found itself at odds with its governing coalition partners over the decision to close the Hellenic Broadcasting Corp., or ERT.

After more than three hours of talks late Monday, Samaras' center-left minority coalition partners said talks would resume Wednesday on exactly how to keep state broadcasts going until ERT is replaced by a new public entity. □

Earlier Monday, the Council of State issued a provisional ruling that the government decree shutting off ERT's signal last week was illegal and ordered its immediate unblocking. But it also said Samaras' administration was within its rights to close the company and axe nearly 2,700 jobs. Samaras' conservatives had offered to restart programming with a reduced, new staff, while other governing coalition parties had insisted broadcasts should resume immediately. So all three were able to claim a degree of victory. □

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## Brazil protesters continue nationwide demonstrations

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**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Protesters massed in four Brazilian cities Monday in what they hoped would be their biggest demonstrations yet against a hike in public transport fares, stoking fears of more clashes with police and raising questions about security during big events like the current Confederations Cup and a papal visit next month.

With the nation's reputation on the line, authorities vowed to avoid the sort of bloody confrontations that shocked Sao Paulo last week. Police commanders said publicly they would not fire rubber bullets during the protest or use riot police units.

Authorities said they would respond with force only if protesters destroyed property.

On Thursday in Sao Paulo, riot police charged into crowds of peaceful protesters, firing rubber bullets and tear gas and beating some demonstrators. Protest organizers said more than 100 people were hurt. Police only confirmed about a dozen injuries.

Police used tear gas and rubber bullets again Sunday when several hundred protesters marched near Maracana stadium before a Confederations Cup match between Italy and Mexico, part of an eight-team warm-up tournament for next year's World Cup finals in Brazil.

But there were no clashes Monday as thousands of people protested before a Confederations Cup match between Tahiti and Nigeria in the city of Belo Horizonte, where police helicopters buzzed overhead and mounted officers patrolled the stadium area. Police put the num-

ber of protesters at around 20,000, according to a report on the G1 news website. Earlier in the day, demonstrators erected several barricades of burning tires on a nearby highway, disrupting traffic.

The protests were set off by a 10-cent hike in public transport fares, but they have clearly moved beyond that issue to tap into widespread frustration in Brazil about a heavy tax burden, politicians widely viewed as corrupt and woeful public education, health and transport systems.

Monday's protest in Sao Paulo got off to a calm start late in the day, with some demonstrators turning out in clown costumes complete with red rubber noses. Samba percussion circles, including one led by a drag queen in a blond wig and sporting oversized dollar-sign earrings, pounded out competing rhythms as the crowd of several hundred grew steadily thicker.

Demonstrator Marcos Lobo, a 45-year-old music producer, said earlier police brutality had persuaded him to come out for Monday's demonstration. "I thought they (the protests) were infantile at first because of my preconceived notions," Lobo said. "Then I saw the aggression."

Another protester, Manoela Chiabai, said she came out to express her dissatisfaction with the status quo. "Everything in Brazil is a mess. There is no education, health care — no security. The government doesn't care," the 26-year-old photographer said. "We're a rich country with a lot of potential but the money doesn't go to those who need it most." □



A protester placed on the ground in front a police line in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.  
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No Turning Back:

# Afghans poised to take security lead from US, NATO

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JALALABAD, Afghanistan

**(AP)** — One of the most significant turning points in one of America's longest and costliest wars is imminent: Afghanistan's fledgling security forces are taking the lead for security nationwide, bringing the moment of truth on the question of whether they are ready to fight an insurgency that remains resilient after nearly 12 years of conflict.

Nowhere is that question more pressing than in this city near the Pakistani border, which is the capital of Nangarhar province. In the province, which has a predominantly Pashtun population, the ethnic group that makes up the Taliban, insurgents regularly ambush government forces, blow up the offices of humanitarian organizations, and control parts of a countryside that has seen a spike in opium poppy cultivation.

Nangarhar is considered so dangerous that foreign military forces still handle security in more than half of its 22 districts.

That will change, after Afghan President Hamid Karzai declares — in an announcement expected soon — that Afghan forces are taking over security around the country and U.S. and other foreign forces will move entirely into a supporting, backseat role. At that point, the remaining districts in Nangarhar, along with other hotspots still in the hands of the U.S.-led International Security Assistance Force, will become the Afghan troops' full responsibility.

Residents of Jalalabad, a bustling trading hub and agricultural center on the junction of two rivers, worry about whether the Afghan forces can keep them safe from an insurgency that they say is equipped and trained in neighboring Pakistan.

They also fear that the Afghan forces still don't have enough heavy weapons or firepower.

In a series of wide-ranging interviews with Afghan and western military officials, experts and analysts, opinions are mixed as to the state of readiness of the Afghan forces — although nearly all agree they are far better now than they were when the NATO training mission began.

British Lt. Gen. Nick Carter, the deputy commander of coalition forces, said the transition to take the lead in security "represents a significant achievement for the Afghan security forces." But, he added, "That said

levels matching the worst in 12 years, fueling some Afghans' concerns the forces aren't ready.

"We thought this summer would not be easy for the Afghan security forces, but it was not expected to be like this. We have roadside bombs, we have suicide attacks, organized attacks," said Jawed Kohistani, an Afghan political and military analyst. "It is a mistake to transition this quickly." Jalalabad's relatively peaceful tree-lined streets are crowded with checkpoints, manned by often

High Peace Council, a body created in an attempt to reach out to the Taliban — said that even though he considers Afghan forces to be under-equipped, he believes they will eventually prevail over the insurgency.

"The Taliban can't take all of Afghanistan. After transition they could take a district, but they won't be able to keep it," he said. That, he added, is why he has been trying to convince the Taliban to enter negotiations.

"This is a very good oppor-

year and have instead intensified a campaign that mostly targets urban centers and government installations.

There is overall agreement, however, they don't have much support outside their traditional areas and can't win militarily against the Afghan forces.

"I think, if the Taliban tried to come back, it would have to come back in a very different way. It would have to come back and participate politically," Lt. Gen. Carter said. "It is my sense that civil society, which is



Afghan National Army soldiers attend their graduation ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan. One of the most significant turning points in one of America's longest and costliest wars is imminent: Afghanistan's fledgling security forces are taking the lead for security nationwide, bringing the moment of truth on the question of whether they are ready to fight an insurgency that remains resilient after nearly 12 years of conflict. That question is especially pressing here in this border region where insurgents regularly ambush government forces and control parts of the countryside.

(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

we will require and need to deliver for the Afghans some fairly significant support for a while to come."

Already, Afghans now carry out 90 percent of military operations around the country. They are in the lead in security in 312 districts nationwide, where 80 percent of Afghanistan's population of nearly 30 million lives — and only 91 districts remain for them to take over — including 12 in Nangarhar.

The transition comes at a time when violence is at

edgy. Afghan army and police worried about car bombs. Insurgents use the province's mountain passes and valleys to sneak in from neighboring Pakistan, where they retain safe havens in that country's lawless Pashtun-dominated tribal belt. Jalalabad is also just a 3-hour drive through craggy passes and gorges to Kabul, which has seen a spate of spectacular suicide attacks in recent weeks.

Al Hajj Malak Nazir — the local head of the Afghan

tunity for the Taliban to say they will stop fighting. But they won't," he said. "The Americans are now saying they are leaving, but the Taliban never say they are leaving."

Few believe the Taliban will keep promises they have made in the past to stop fighting when foreign military forces are gone. They have not stopped in any province where Afghan forces have taken the lead. They have also rebuffed numerous attempts to start peace talks in the past

the future of this country, absolutely would not put up with sorts of standards that were here 15 years ago. And, therefore, my sense is that ultimately it is the politics that will determine this, and not the violence that determines this." On battlefields around the country, Afghan forces plan and carry out operations on their own, with little help from coalition forces. They are often effective, but still need work on logistics and effectively using the weapons they have. □

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**ORANJESTAD, Aruba** – June 14th, 2013: Since the day Aruba Bank announced its famous 4 Day Walk & Run, the community of Aruba responded enthusiastically registering to secure their participation in the event. The Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run, co-sponsored by Subway and organized by IBISA, once again was a total success. More than 2500 participants registered and took part in the 4 Day Walk & Run, as well as the 20 minute Zumba warm-up with Nuirca, which took place before each Walk & Run. The Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk & Run took place on the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of June, in the neighborhoods of Noord, Paradera, San Nicolas and Camacuri. On Monday, June 10th, the enthusiasm and energy of the participants could already be felt in the early hours of the afternoon, and this lingered on all other days. On all four afternoons, the participants got together early in order to participate in the

Zumba warm up sessions, followed by the Walk & Run. The feeling in the air was extremely friendly with each participant enjoying the company of others, as well as the beautiful surroundings in the different island neighborhoods.□ You could see happy faces everywhere over the course of the 4 days. The week of June 10th to June 13th was a week dedicated to moving and staying



fit together. Aruba Bank, together with Subway, gave out various prizes on the last night. The prize

ceremony for the walkers and different category runners took place on day four. Aruba Bank made a

donation to the Special Olympics and the Clown Doctors after their cooperation in manning the two water posts along the race route each day of the four days. Both foundations did a great job motivating the participants to keep walking and running.

This year, as everyone knows, runners were also invited to join the 4 Day Walk & Run. Everyone was very happy with the event, because not only were they able to walk and run for a healthier life and better physical condition, but they also had a chance to enjoy a beautiful sunset and meet other friends and acquaintances for a positive and healthy event. This year a total of three groups were winners in the walking category. The title of the group with the most animated and lively members went to Good Luck & Key Services. The award for the group with the best dressed participants went to iRunners, and finally, Compra NV won the prize for the group with the largest amount of participants. For the group of runners, there were individual

prizes as well as the overall top 10 Females and overall Top 10 Males. The Overall Top 10 female winners were: 1. Shariska Winterdal, 2. Tracey Nicolas, 3. Jenifer Brown Arends, 4. Melissa Pizzorni, 5. Saskia Postma, 6. Amadee Nicolaas, 7. Michelle Wever, 8. Sandra Postma, 9. Veronique Arends and 10. Annelaine Jacobs. The Overall Top 10 male winners were: 1. Ronald Starring, 2. Dyonne Lo-

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She is from Caracas, Venezuela. Her first time in Aruba and she is staying at Brickell Bay.

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Marlyn Marval.

Female ages 50-54: 1. Jovita Maduro, 2. Maya Werleman, and 3. Lourdes Everon.

Female ages 55-59: 1. Edna Zievinger, and 2. Esther Vingal.

Female 60+: 1. Maria Cristina Lacle, and 2. ClaraLacle.



van Tright, 2. Romar Arendsz, and 3. Maximilian Irving.

Male ages 35-39: 1. Gerald

Male ages 55-59: 1. Alphonso Dania, 2. Armando Geerman, and 3. Looi Croes.

Male 60+: 1. Mario Maduro, and 2. Willem ter Weene.

Subway for the 6th year was the co-sponsor of Aruba Bank's 4-day sports event. Subway continues to motivate the community of Aruba to Eat Fresh &amp; Be Fit. During the four days

the Aruba Triathlon Association and Niurca de Cuba of Beyond Fitness, for their cooperation in making the Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk &amp; Run a total success.

A special thanks also goes to the Red Cross and the Police Force, as well as the members of the press, for their cooperation in making these huge event possible.

ment to live a healthier lifestyle, and Aruba Bank is proud to see how our people are moving and staying fit.

Attached pictures show the large number of participants. For more pictures of the Aruba Bank 4 Day Walk &amp; Run, visit and Like the Aruba Bank Facebook page. You can also follow @ ArubaBank on Insta-



Male ages 14-19: 1. Edward Mulder, 2. Nathan Lacle, and 3. Angelo Solognier.

Male ages 20-24: 1. Alexander Robert, 2. Nigel Tromp, and 3. Allen Boye.

Male ages 25-29: 1. Efijimy Croes, 2. Raydall Wester, and 3. Avery Shipley.

Male ages 30-34: Joaquin

Tsui, 2. Alain Croes, and 3. Marcelino Brete.

Male ages 40-45: 1. Melvin Dabian, 2. Lloyd Wever, and 3. Albert Rodriguez.

Male ages 45-49: 1. Jesus Arian, 2. Gregory Arends, and 3. Marlon Hidalgo.

Male ages 50-54: 1. Alberto Maduro.

of the Walk &amp; Run, all of the participants received a 10% discount at all Subway restaurants, after each Walk &amp; Run.

IBISA has been organizing this 4 Day Walk &amp; Run since its inception. A thank you goes out to the members of IBISA as well as Subway,

Aruba Bank would like to thank all of the participants for their total support and loyalty to this sports event. Also a thank you to the Clown Doctors and Special Olympics for their assistance at the water posts. By doing this, you are all making the solid commit-



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## Panama's boom driving Nicaragua canal dreams

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Associated Press

**PANAMA CITY (AP)** — Cu-rundu used to be a warren of ramshackle wooden houses and reeking open sewers, one of Panama City's most notorious refuges for street gangs and drug dealers.

Then, three years ago, the government tore down the shacks and built a bustling new neighborhood of concrete apartment buildings, freshly paved streets, basketball courts and fields with artificial turf.

"We live more decently here now. People see a prettier neighborhood, kids playing soccer," said Ronny Murillo, a 45-year-old ex-convict who helped build one of the billions of dollars in projects made possible by an economic boom driven largely by the \$5.25 billion expansion of the Panama Canal. Behind him, enormous cranes loomed over a skyline that has been transformed by dozens of new skyscrapers, many filled with luxury apartments, high-end stores and fashionable boutiques.

In a little more than five years, Panama has slashed its unemployment rate by two-thirds and nearly tripled the rate of government spending as the double-digit growth of the canal-fueled boom has made it the hemisphere's hottest economy. Just to the north, Nicaragua has watched years of slower growth fail to move it out of its position as the hemisphere's second-poorest nation, after Haiti.

The deep discrepancy between the fortunes of two Central American neighbors goes a long way toward explaining the Nicaraguan government's fervent promotion of a Chinese company's vague proposal to build the hemisphere's second trans-oceanic canal across Nicaragua. Despite deep reservations among opposition lawmakers, environmentalists and independent shipping experts, the country's leftist-controlled National Assembly voted

overwhelmingly Thursday to grant Hong Kong-based HK Nicaragua Canal Development Investment Co. an exclusive, renewable 50-year concession to measure the feasibility of a new canal, then build it and take the lion's share of the profits.

Underlying much of the enthusiasm in Nicaragua is the hope that the massive new canal could bring a bit of Panama-style prosperity. "I don't think we're going to be just like Panama, because they're already 100 years ahead of us. But yes, I think this is going to help Nicaragua put poverty be-

according to the United Nations Development Program, which measures factors including life expectancy, health care access and education.

"You can make money here in Panama, buddy," said Mauricio Hernandez, a 29-year-old Colombian who sells food in the streets of Panama City. "We're all coming for dollars."

Panamanian Abel Aparicio, a 49-year-old hotel chef, earns \$1,000 a month, twice what he made when he started 20 years ago, and has bought two small apartments that he rents out to supplement his in-

and 2014. That amount was \$4.4 billion between 2000 and 2004. A 13.5 percent unemployment rate in 2004 dropped to 4.6 percent in 2012, in a workforce of 1.6 million. The poverty rate dropped from 36 percent in 2002 to 26 percent today.

Wealthy investors, many from Colombia and Venezuela, have built real-estate and tourism projects, restaurants, clothing stores, car dealerships and computer businesses around Panama City.

Nicaragua, meanwhile, doesn't have any obvious means, besides the possibil-



A cargo ship moves through the Panama Canal's Miraflores Locks in Panama City, Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Nicaragua is plowing ahead with a plan to dig a Chinese-funded rival to the Panama Canal across the midriff of the country, despite a lack of details about the \$40 billion project.

(AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco)

hind it and generate jobs," said Roberto Pasquier, an electric appliance salesman in a market in the Nicaraguan capital, Managua.

Panama's prosperity has drawn tens of thousands of job-seekers, mostly from Nicaragua and nearby Colombia, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. Almost 40,000 such workers have been granted legal status in Panama since 2010 under a government program meant to feed the roaring demand for labor to build projects that include Central America's first subway, a \$1.452 billion investment.

Panama has the highest level of human development in Central America

come.

"Nobody's that worried about losing their job," he said. "If you leave one job, other opportunities open up, and there are ways to make money besides hotels, which there are a lot of these days," he said.

Panama's economy started booming around the time that authorities began the Panama Canal expansion in 2007. By 2010, the annual growth rate rose to around 10 percent, where it's stayed.

The canal expansion generated 30,000 direct jobs and the administration of populist right-leaning President Ricardo Martinelli estimates that the government will have put \$16 billion into public works between 2009

ity of the canal, of rapidly accelerating its growth.

The government says it has created 700,000 jobs since President Daniel Ortega took office in 2007 and poverty has dropped from 50 percent in 2006 to 42 percent last year. But 1 million people remain out of work in a country of 6 million. If the canal is built, the Nicaraguan government says, within five years GDP would go from \$11 billion a year to \$25 billion, generating hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

"Those who oppose the canal want this country to keep suffering from underdevelopment and poverty," said Edwin Castro, congressional leader of Ortega's Sandinista Front. □

## Morris the Cat runs for mayor in Mexican city

OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — This mayoral hopeful in Mexico promises to eat, sleep most of the day and donate his leftover litter to fill potholes. Morris, a black-and-white kitten with orange eyes, is running for mayor of Xalapa in eastern Mexico with the campaign slogan "Tired of Voting for Rats? Vote for a Cat." And he is attracting tens of thousands of politician-weary, two-legged supporters on social media.

"He sleeps almost all day and does nothing, and that fits the profile of a politician," said 35-year-old office worker Sergio Chamorro, who adopted the 10-month-old feline last year. Put forth as a candidate by Chamorro and a group of friends after they became disillusioned with the empty promises of politicians, Morris' candidacy has resonated across Mexico, where citizens frustrated with human candidates are nominating their pets and farm animals to run in July 7 elections being held in 14 states.

Also running for mayor are "Chon the Donkey" in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, "Tina the Chicken" in Tepic, the capital of the Pacific coast state of Nayarit, "Maya the Cat" in the city of Puebla and "Tintan the Dog" in Oaxaca City, though their campaigns are not as well organized as that of Morris.

Politicians repeatedly rank at the bottom of polls about citizens' trust in institutions. A survey last year by Mitofsky polling agency ranking Mexicans' trust in 15 institutions put politicians and government officials among the bottom five.

Morris' cuteness, the clever campaign and promises to donate money collected from the sales of campaign stickers and T-shirts to an animal shelter has attracted cat lovers, but Chamorro said most of his supporters are citizens tired of corrupt politicians and fraudulent elections. □

**SPORTS****Aruba TODAY**

San Antonio forward Tim Duncan, left, goes to the basket against Miami Heat defender Chris Bosh during the fourth quarter of Game 5 in the NBA Finals in San Antonio on Sunday, June 16, 2013.

Associated Press

### Duncan closing in on 5th championship

**JON KRAWCZYNSKI**  
**AP Basketball Writer**

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — It's all right in front of Tim Duncan now, and the big man can feel it.

You can tell when he broke out that little spin move in the paint in Game 5 on Sunday night, a nimble little display of footwork that has mostly been in moth balls for the past four or five seasons.

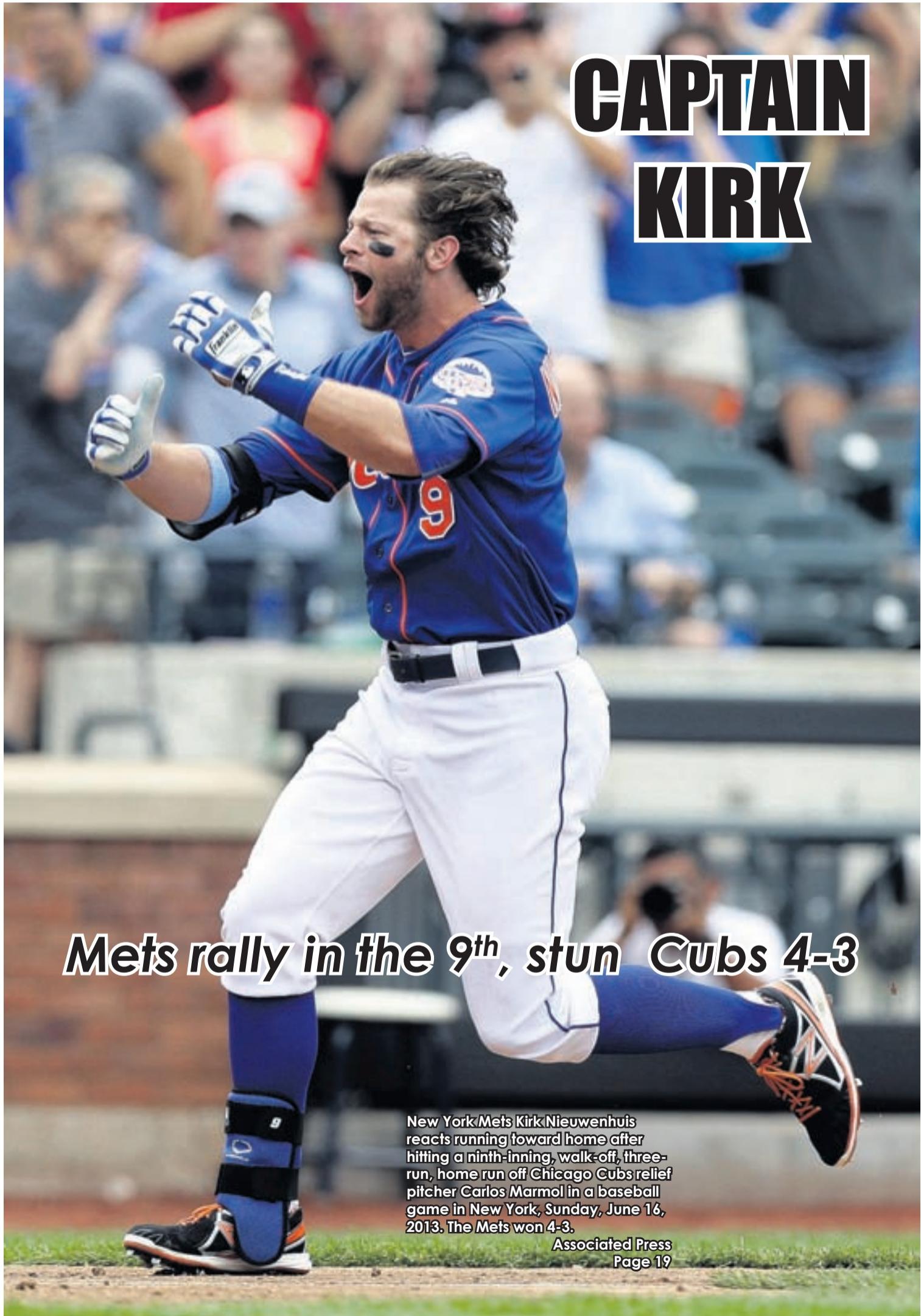
You can tell by the elevation he got on a first-quarter dunk, one of the most emphatic he's had in years. And you can tell by the glimmer that can't be hidden by the far-away look in his eyes when he talks about being one victory away from title No. 5.

"I think every one of us wants this very badly from the top on down," Duncan said after scoring 17 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in a 114-104 victory over the Miami Heat that gave his San Antonio Spurs a 3-2 lead in the NBA Finals.

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# CAPTAIN KIRK



# English rose blooms after 17-year wait for major

STEVE DOUGLAS

AP Sports Writer

Ever since Greg Norman's memorable final-round implosion let Nick Faldo win the Masters in 1996, a generation of fine English talent has come up short in golf's four major championships. With his seven top-3 finishes, Lee Westwood's near misses are a thing of golfing folklore.

Luke Donald has also been ranked No. 1 but never come that close down the stretch in a major. Ian Poulter saves his best for the Ryder Cup, while Paul Casey's star has fallen since his breakthrough year in 2009.

Finally, after a 17-year wait, England has a major winner: U.S. Open champion Justin Rose.

The English public has long held high hopes for Rose, ever since he chipped in at the last to finish fourth at the 1998 British Open at Royal Birkdale as a skinny 17-year-old amateur. His career has taken many twists and turns since then but he realized his vast potential with a one-shot win at Merion on Sunday.

Rose is England's first U.S. Open champion since Tony Jacklin in 1970.

"He had that audacious chip in at Birkdale when he was 17 and then witnessed the difficult time he had after turning pro and all the struggles that he had, and to fight through that takes a lot of courage and what was shown was exactly that," Jacklin told BBC Radio 5 Live radio on Monday.



**Justin Rose, of England, kisses the trophy after winning the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion Golf Club, Sunday, June 16, 2013, in Ardmore, Pa.**

Associated Press

"He's a good guy and he's good for the game and he hopefully will open the door for more British players to give us some of the same."

The modest, mild-mannered Rose is among the most popular players on the circuit and his victory has been well-received, in England and beyond.

"Best player in the world the last few years," 2010 US Open champion Graeme McDowell said on Twitter. "Major much deserved." Rory McIlroy also tweeted his congratulations, saying the victory "couldn't happen to a better lad."

"Rose to the Top," was the headline in English newspaper The Sun.

"Rose's Sweet Smell of Success," said The Independ-

dent.

Most of the English papers ran photos of Rose on the 18th hole, looking upward and pointing his fingers to the sky in tribute to his late father Ken, who died of leukemia in September 2002. "Father's Day was not lost on me," Rose said.

"You don't have opportunities to really dedicate a win to someone you love. And today was about him and being Father's Day." British golf has rarely had it so good as in the past couple of years.

Donald, Westwood and McIlroy took turns at No. 1 in 2012 while the Irish trio of McIlroy, McDowell and Darren Clarke have all won majors since 2010.

Britons have been the bed-

rock of Europe's Ryder Cup successes in 2010 and 2012. Rose made birdie putts on Nos. 17 and 18 on the final day of last year's match at Medinah to clinch a stunning singles win over Phil Mickelson, one of the catalysts for Europe's record comeback against the United States.

On that day, Mickelson stood back and applauded Rose for his courageous play on the greens. Nine months later, it was the same player who suffered at the hands of the 32-year-old Englishman, finishing one shot behind for a sixth second place at a U.S. Open.

Rose's technique, which held up so well at Merion as he calmly made par on the unforgiving 18th under in-

tense pressure, has always been a thing of beauty. It helped him capture big amateur tournaments when he was 14 and 15. By the time he'd won the silver medal at Royal Birkdale in 1998 for being the highest-placed amateur, comparisons were already being made with Faldo.

Rose turned professional the very next day but missed 21 cuts in a row. Victories in the Dunhill Championship and British Masters in 2002 confirmed his potential but it wasn't until last year that he really became a force, winning at Doral for his first victory in a World Golf Championship.

"I think the fact that it hasn't been easy for him, took him a while to get where he did has meant that he is a great inspiration for everybody here," said Chris Gotla, general manager of North Hants Golf club where Rose played as a teenager. "Everyone here knew how good he was going to be."

Rose, who was born in Johannesburg and moved to England with his family when he was 5, was playing in the final round with Donald, who fell away after a poor start to place tied for eighth to see yet another chance at a major slip by. Westwood, who held the lead on day one at Merion, finished tied for 15th and may never end his major drought.

The 32-year-old Rose has made that breakthrough, though. Plenty more could now follow. □



## Vesnina beats Ivanovic in Wimbledon warmup

EASTBOURNE, England (AP)

— Ana Ivanovic was the first seed to fall at Eastbourne when she was beaten 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 by Russia's Elena Vesnina, and 2012 men's runner-up Andreas Seppi needed to fight back from a set down to reach the second round on Monday. Former champion Marion Bartoli of France eased past Flavia Pennetta of Italy 6-3, 6-2 to set up a possible clash with second-seeded

Li Na, and sixth-seeded Maria Kirilenko of Russia defeated Bojana Jovanovski of Serbia 7-6 (5), 6-1. Ivanovic swept to 4-0 against Vesnina but the seventh-seeded Serb failed to maintain her momentum, and for the remainder of the match she lacked rhythm against an aggressive opponent.

"I think on grass it's very hard to get rhythm. You don't get many long rallies

and long points," Ivanovic said. "But overall I was pleased with my serving today, and in the first set I did quite a few good things." Seventh-seeded Seppi prevailed 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 against French qualifier Guillaume Rufin, and there was also victory for fellow Italian and No. 8-seeded Fabio Fognini, who rallied to beat Slovenian Grega Zemlja 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-4. Sixth-seeded Ukrainian

Alexandr Dolgopolov was beaten 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 by Spain's Fernando Verdasco, and American qualifier Ryan Harrison edged former three-time quarterfinalist Paul-Henri Mathieu of France, failing to serve out the match at 5-4 before winning 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (4).

Agnieszka Radwanska and Li top the women's draw, and Milos Raonic and Gilles Simon head the men's event. □

## NL Capsules

# Nieuwenhuis' HR caps 4-run 9th, Mets startle Cubs

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — NEW

YORK (AP) — Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit a three-run homer that capped a four-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning to help the Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 4-3 on Sunday, salvaging what had been shaping up as another sorry afternoon.

Matt Garza pitched seven scoreless innings, and the Cubs scored twice on a madcap play that featured three bad throws by Mets infielders, giving Chicago a 3-0 lead.

But New York came back against Carlos Marmol (2-4) in the ninth, starting with Marlon Byrd's leadoff home run. Nieuwenhuis connected with one out. Bobby Parnell (5-3) pitched the top of the ninth. Mets starter Jeremy Hefner allowed one earned run and struck out five in five innings.

Garza gave up three hits and struck out five, and was all set up for his second win in five starts this season. The Cubs had used closer Kevin Gregg on four consecutive days and manager Dale Sveum turned to Marmol, who had been unseated as closer earlier this season.

BRAVES 3, GIANTS 0



**Chicago Cubs catcher Dioner Navarro, left, watches along with New York Mets Kirk Nieuwenhuis, right, after Nieuwenhuis hit a ninth-inning, walk-off, three-run, home run off Cubs relief pitcher Carlos Marmol in a baseball game in New York, Sunday, June 16, 2013.**

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Freddie Freeman singled three times and drove in one run, and Julio Teheran pitched six innings to lead Atlanta over San Francisco.

Teheran (5-3) allowed seven hits and one walk. The 22-year-old struck out eight and got a few stellar plays from outfielders Jason Hey-

ward and Justin Upton in the fourth, and by Andrelton Simmons at shortstop in the sixth that kept a run from scoring with the Braves holding a two-run lead.

Lincecum (4-7) gave up six hits and five walks in six innings. Two of his three runs were earned, and he struck out three.

Braves closer Craig Kimbrel pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his 19th save in 22 chances. Kimbrel struck out Andres Torres and Joaquin Arias before retiring Nick Noonan on a flyout.

REDS 5, BREWERS 1  
CINCINNATI (AP) — Johnny Cueto pitched six solid innings in his return to Cincinnati's rotation and Jay Bruce homered in a win over Milwaukee.

Donald Lutz drove in two runs with a pinch-hit single, and Zack Cozart and Joey Votto each had two hits as Cincinnati rebounded after losing 6-0 on Saturday.

Cueto, activated from the disabled list Sunday, improved to 4-0 in his seventh start of the season. He allowed five hits and one run with three strikeouts and no walks as the Reds took two of three in the weekend series.

Cueto made his first start since a 6-0 win at Pittsburgh on May 31. He was placed on the disabled list on June 5 for the second time this season because of a strained muscle in his right shoulder.

Alfredo Simon allowed two hits and had six strikeouts in three innings of relief for his

first save of the season and second in two years with Cincinnati.

Milwaukee starter Wily Peralta gave up all five Reds runs — four earned — in 5 1-3 innings. The slumping Peralta (4-8) allowed seven hits with two walks and two strikeouts to fall to 1-6 in his last seven starts.

MARLINS 7, CARDINALS 2  
MIAMI (AP) — Ricky Nolasco allowed one run and three hits in seven innings to help Miami take the last game of its three-game series against St. Louis.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals lost a series for the first time since April 26-28 against Pittsburgh.

The Marlins climbed above .300 at 21-47, still baseball's worst record. They scored 19 runs in the series against a team with the lowest ERA in the majors.

The abundance of offense was a refreshing change for Nolasco (4-7), who has endured the worst run support of any pitcher with at least 14 starts.

Juan Pierre drove in two runs and had two hits to extend his hitting streak to 12 games, and Justin Ruggiano and Placido Polanco each had a two-RBI hit. The Marlins have won eight of 14, their best stretch this season.

Tyler Lyons (2-3), making his fifth major-league start, lost for the third time in a row after winning his first two decisions. He gave up six runs in 5 1-3 innings.

The Cardinals managed only five hits, all singles.

PIRATES 6, DODGERS 3  
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rookie Gerrit Cole won again, getting home run help from Pedro Alvarez and pitching Pittsburgh past Los Angeles.

Cole (2-0) allowed three runs on seven hits and no walks in 5 2-3 innings. The top pick from the 2011 draft won in his big league debut last week.

Alvarez snapped a 2-all tie when he connected off Zack Greinke (3-2) for a three-run homer in the fifth. Alvarez leads the Pirates with 15 homers. □

## Seeded players struggle before rain at Rosmalen

ROSMALEN, Netherlands

(AP) — John Isner led an exodus of seeded players at the rain-interrupted Topshelf Open when he crashed out 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4 to Evgeny Donskoy on Monday.

The third-seeded Isner was shown the exit with No. 6 Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, No. 7 Victor Hanesco of Romania, and No. 8 Daniel Gimeno-Traver of Spain.

Neither Isner nor Donskoy could break serve in the opening set that Isner edged in a tiebreak but Donskoy hit back quickly, breaking Isner's first service

game of the second set and breaking once more in the final set to book a place in the second round of the Wimbledon warmup.

Earlier, Baghatis was a set down to Carlos Berlocq and trailing 2-1 in the second when rain forced the players off court. The Cypriot could not use the pause to regroup and lost 6-2, 6-4. Hanesco lost 6-4, 6-3 to Guillermo Garcia-Lopez and Andrey Kuznetsov beat Gimeno-Traver 7-6 (4), 6-3.

In the women's event, third-seeded Carla Suarez Navarro advanced with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Johanna

Larsson and Lauren Davis of the United States ousted Andrea Hlavackova 6-3, 6-4.

Second-seeded Dominika Cibulkova was 2-1 up in the third set against Lourdes Dominguez Lino when play was suspended by the rain. The Slovak held on to take the final set to advance 6-1, 6-7 (5), 7-6.

Defending champion and losing Roland Garros finalist David Ferrer was opening his campaign on Tuesday against Xavier Malisse and 2011 women's tournament winner Roberta Vinci was taking on Kaia Kanepi. □

# Davis hits 23rd homer as Orioles beat Red Sox 6-3

The Associated Press

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)**

— Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 23rd home run and Nick Markakis had four hits and scored three runs as the Baltimore Orioles beat Jon Lester and the Boston Red Sox 6-3 on Sunday.

Manny Machado extended his hitting streak to a career-high 14 games and drove in a run for the Orioles, who took three of four from first-place Boston to move within 1½ games of the AL East lead. Baltimore has won six straight series over the Red Sox.

Davis gave the Orioles a 3-0 lead in the third inning with his 100th career homer and seventh in 10 games against Boston. Davis doubled in a run in the fifth to give him 60 RBIs.

Will Middlebrooks hit a three-run homer for the Red Sox, 2-5 against the Orioles this season and 5-14 in the last 19 games between the teams.

Baltimore starter Miguel Gonzalez (5-2) took a two-hitter and a 5-0 lead into the seventh. He allowed three runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings to improve to 3-0 against Boston.

Jim Johnson earned his 25th save.

Lester (6-4) fell to 14-2 against the Orioles, 7-1 at Camden Yards. The right-hander gave up five runs and nine hits in five innings.

**YANKEES 6, ANGELS 5**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)** — Mariano Rivera struck out Albert Pujols with the bases loaded to end the Angels' five-run rally in the ninth inning as the New York Yankees ended their five-game losing streak with a wild victory over Los Angeles.

CC Sabathia pitched five-hit ball into the ninth, and Travis Hafner hit a three-run homer off Jered Weaver, but the Yankees barely survived when Rivera fanned the Angels' star slugger. New York's famed closer



Baltimore Orioles, Chris Davis (19) reacts with Adam Jones, left, as they celebrate after Davis hit a two-run home run against the Boston Red Sox during the third inning of a baseball game, Sunday, June 16, 2013, in Baltimore.

Associated Press

gave up three hits and a walk, but still got his 24th save. Lyle Overbay and Jayson Nix also drove in runs during a five-run third inning for the Yankees, who salvaged the finale of their 10-game road trip by battering Weaver (1-3) early and hanging on late. Sabathia (7-5) struck out six and walked three, but tired in the ninth, leaving

with two runners on. After reliever David Robertson left with a 6-1 lead, Rivera gave up Erick Aybar's RBI groundout, Alberto Callaspo's two-run single and Peter Bourjos' RBI single. Rivera then walked Mike Trout to load the bases before getting Pujols, finally wrapping up the 632nd save.

**TIGERS 5, TWINS 2**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Doug Fister held Minnesota hitless until the sixth inning and Torii Hunter connected for his 300th career home run, leading Detroit over the Twins. Fister (6-4) didn't allow a baserunner until walking Ryan Doumit with two outs in the fourth inning, then lost his no-hit bid when Brian Dozier led off the sixth with a homer. □

## MOTORSPORTS

# Biffle holds on to win again at Michigan

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

**BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP)**

-- Greg Biffle gave Ford a milestone victory - right down the road from company headquarters.

Biffle raced to his second straight Sprint Cup win at Michigan International Speedway, easily holding off Kevin Harvick after points leader Jimmie Johnson smacked the wall in the final laps Sunday. It was the 1,000th victory for Ford Motor Company across NASCAR's three national series - Cup, Nationwide and Truck.

"What a great moment this is," said Jamie Allison, director of Ford Racing. "We couldn't be prouder to have this moment come here today at Michigan in front of so many of our Ford friends. What a great race



Sprint Cup Series driver Greg Biffle celebrates his win in the NASCAR Quicken Loans 400 auto race at Michigan International Speedway, Sunday, June 16, 2013 in Brooklyn, Mich.

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and that's what makes you feel good. You outsmarted him, or you beat him at his game."

Harvick was second, 3 seconds behind Biffle. Martin Truex Jr. was next, followed by Kyle Busch and Tony Stewart.

Johnson wasn't the only big name who ran into trouble. Jeff Gordon was out of contention almost immediately when he hit a spinning Bobby Labonte less than 10 laps into the 200-lap, 400-mile race. Gordon finished 39th, one spot behind Kasey Kahne, who led at the halfway point but appeared to blow a tire and went sliding into the wall.

Kahne's car caught fire, but he was able to climb out quickly.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who won at MIS last June, fin-

ished 37th Sunday. He led for 34 laps, but his engine acted up about two-thirds of the way through the race.

There were eight cautions for 38 laps.

Biffle cruised to the finish in his No. 16 Ford. He finished second to Johnson the previous weekend at Pocono, but this time there was nobody left to challenge him at the end.

It was Ford's third Cup victory of the year - Carl Edwards and David Ragan won at Phoenix and Talladega. Sunday was Ford Motor Company's 110th birthday. "There have been a lot of great teams and a lot of great drivers, a lot of great engine builders that have contributed to Ford's success," Roush Fenway Racing owner Jack Roush said. □

laps to go - but a tire gave way, and he dropped all the way to 28th.

"I don't want to see anybody wreck," Biffle said. "It makes you feel good when you push the guy over the edge. He made a mistake,

## Report: doping was widespread among Dutch cyclists

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands**

(AP) — An independent commission that investigated doping by Dutch cyclists and their teams recommended Monday that the responsibility for testing and sanctioning riders be taken away from the International Cycling Union to prevent the appearance of a conflict of interest. The commission's report concluded that doping was endemic among Dutch cyclists for years and was only reduced by the introduction of measures such as biological pass-

ports and out-of-competition testing.

Doping has overshadowed Dutch cycling for years. Rabobank last year announced it was pulling out of its long-term sponsorship of the country's highest-profile men's professional team and in March former rider Michael Boogerd admitted doping during his career.

The Anti-Doping Approach Commission established by the Dutch Olympic committee and cycling union conducted anonymous interviews with dozens of rid-

ers and team staff.

Its final report said that the vast majority of riders felt they had little choice but to dope, particularly after the introduction of blood-booster EPO. Many riders "described it as a choice of do it or quit," said the commission, which was headed by a former Dutch justice minister, Winnie Sorgdrager.

It said that the governing body of cycling — along with those of other sports — should consider handing off the primary responsibility for drug testing to an in-

dependent body.

"We see that the interest the UCI has in a good image for cycling has possibly been a delaying factor in development of anti-doping policy," the report said. It suggested an independent organization for testing while the UCI and national cycling authorities would remain responsible for developing anti-doping policy and educating riders.

The UCI did not immediately reply to an email seeking a reaction to the report's recommendation. □



American cycling apparel firm DeFeet says it has severed ties with Italian team Vini Fantini after two Giro d'Italia riders tested positive for doping.

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## Duncan

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"We're trying to play that way. We just need to put it on the floor and understand the kind of energy and the kind of aggression they're going to come with next game."

The 37-year-old Duncan has been asked about retirement and heard the reports of his Spurs' demise for years now. His time, his team's time, is supposed to be long gone.

This is LeBron's league now. This is the Heat's year.

Yet there he was on Sunday night, out-muscling Heat star Chris Bosh, who grew up with Duncan posters on the walls of his Dallas bedroom.

There he was walking up to Tony Parker before the opening tip to offer some quiet words that set the tone. There he was drawing double teams that sucked in the Heat defense and allowed Danny Green to slip undetected into the corner for 3-pointer after back-breaking 3-pointer.

"We've been in situations like this. We've been together for a long time," Duncan said. "So that definitely plays a role. I think we're just trying to do all we can to will it to happen."

Duncan may not be putting up the monster numbers that he used to when the Spurs were winning titles every other year in the middle of the past decade.



San Antonio Spurs' Danny Green (4), Tony Parker (9) and Tim Duncan (21) react against the Miami Heat during the second half at Game 5 of the NBA Finals basketball series, Sunday, June 16, 2013, in San Antonio.

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But if the Spurs are able to win one of the next two games in Miami — starting with Game 6 on Tuesday night — and dethrone the defending champions, it will be as much due to the unshakeable resolve and unflappable poise that Duncan has instilled in this group as anything else.

Sure, Green is the runaway favorite for finals MVP with his record-setting shooting from the outside. But Duncan is the one who draws

the attention down low to give him so many clean looks.

Sure, Parker is the focal point of the Spurs offense and has been for several years. But Duncan is the one who sets those teeth-rattling screens to free him up in San Antonio's pick-and-roll.

Sure, Gregg Popovich is the mastermind behind the schemes that have turned LeBron James from a force of nature into a flustered

jump shooter.

But Duncan is the quarterback on the court, getting everyone in the right places and serving as the anchor should something break down.

"If anybody is crazy in the group, it's me," Popovich said.

"They pretty much have an even keel. Timmy Duncan sets the tone, and he just competes. Whether he does well or whether he does poorly, game in,

game out, year in, year out, he competes and people just follow that."

That's why the Spurs are here right now. That's why they're so close to doing something no one outside of this silver-and-black-painted city thought could be done. They've never trailed in a finals series because Duncan has never allowed it.

Even when James and the Heat blew them out in Game 2 to tie the series, the Spurs never wavered. Even when Miami's three All-Stars dominated Game 4, the Spurs didn't back down.

It's a testament to Duncan. To his will. To his tenacity. To his refusal to let anyone bury him, bury his team.

A fifth championship is oh so close now. It would put Duncan's name alongside other greats such as Kobe Bryant, Magic Johnson and George Mikan, three titans of the game who stood on top of the NBA mountain five times.

The spotlight-shunning Duncan has rarely been mentioned with the same reverence.

Maybe this would change all that.

"With this fifth one, he dominates his generation," Johnson said in a conference call last week. "He and Kobe would be the greatest winners during this time. And domination wise, he'll be just as dominant as any big man that's ever played, and also be a great winner as well." □

## Demand on the rise for lab-grown body parts

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AP Science Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — By the time 10-year-old Sarah Murnaghan finally got a lung transplant last week, she'd been waiting for months, and her parents had sued to give her a better chance at surgery. Her cystic fibrosis was threatening her life, and her case spurred a debate in the U.S. on how to allocate scarce donor organs for transplant.

But what if there were another way? What if you could grow a custom-made organ in a lab?

It sounds incredible. But just a three-hour drive from the Philadelphia hospital where Sarah got her transplant, another girl is benefiting from just that sort of technology. Two years ago, Angela Irizarry needed a crucial blood vessel. Researchers built her one in a laboratory, using cells from her own bone marrow. Today the 5-year-old sings, dances and dreams of becoming a firefighter — and a doctor.

Growing lungs and other organs for transplant is still in the future, but scientists are working toward that goal. In North Carolina, a 3-D printer builds prototype kidneys. In several labs, scientists study how to build on the internal scaffolding of hearts, lungs, livers and kidneys of people and pigs to make custom-made implants. Here's the dream scenario: A patient donates cells, either from a biopsy or maybe just a blood draw. A lab uses them, or cells made from them, to seed onto a scaffold that's shaped like the organ he needs. Then, says

Dr. Harald Ott of Massachusetts General Hospital, "we can regenerate an organ that will not be rejected (and can be) grown on demand and transplanted surgically, similar to a donor organ."

That won't happen anytime soon for solid organs like lungs or livers. But as Irizarry's case shows, simpler body parts are already being used as researchers explore the possibilities.

Just a few weeks ago, a girl

in Illinois got an experimental windpipe that used a synthetic scaffold covered in stem cells from her own bone marrow. More than a dozen patients have had similar operations.

Dozens of people are thriving with experimental bladders made from their own cells, as are more than a dozen who have urethras made from their own bladder tissue. A Swedish girl who got a vein made with her marrow cells to bypass a liver vein blockage in 2011 is still doing well, her surgeon says.

gan's plumbing.

Yale University surgeons told Angela's parents they could try to create that conduit with bone marrow cells. It had worked for a series of patients in Japan, but Angela would be the first participant in a U.S. study.

"There was a risk," recalled Angela's mother, Claudia Irizarry. But she and her husband liked the idea that the implant would grow along with Angela, so that it wouldn't have to be replaced later.

So, over 12 hours one day,

wrong in their understanding of what was happening inside the body.

"We'd always assumed we were making blood vessels from the cells we were seeding onto the graft," said Dr. Christopher Breuer, now at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Ohio. But then studies in mice showed that in fact, the building blocks were cells that migrated in from other blood vessels. The seeded cells actually died off quickly. "We in essence found out we had done the right thing for the wrong



**Researcher Abritee Dhal holds a test tube containing pieces of "decellularized" piglet liver in a laboratory at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. The university is experimenting with various ways to create replacement organs for human implantation, from altering animal parts to building them from scratch with a patient's own cells.**

(AP Photo/Allen Breed)

In some cases the idea has even become standard practice. Surgeons can use a patient's own cells, processed in a lab, to repair cartilage in the knee. Burn victims are treated with lab-grown skin.

In 2011, it was Irizarry's turn to wade into the field of tissue engineering.

Angela was born in 2007 with a heart that had only one functional pumping chamber, a potentially lethal condition that leaves the body short of oxygen. Standard treatment involves a series of operations, the last of which implants a blood vessel near the heart to connect a vein to an artery, which effectively rearranges the or-

doctors took bone marrow from Angela and extracted certain cells, seeded them onto a biodegradable tube, incubated them for two hours and then implanted the graft into Angela to grow into a blood vessel. It's been almost two years and Angela is doing well, her mother says. Before the surgery, she couldn't run or play without getting tired and turning blue from lack of oxygen, she said. Now, "she is able to have a normal play day." The researchers in charge of Angela's study had been putting the lab-made blood vessels into people for nearly a decade in Japan before they realized that they were

reasons," Breuer said. Other kinds of implants have also shown that the seeded cells can act as beacons that summon cells from the recipient's body, said William Wagner, director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. Sometimes that works out fine, but other times it can lead to scarring or inflammation instead, he said. So far, the lab-grown parts implanted in people have involved fairly simple structures — basically sheets, tubes and hollow containers, notes Anthony Atala of Wake Forest University whose lab also has made scaffolds for noses and ears. □

## Getting Fit! Lying Triceps Extensions

**Marjie Gilliam**  
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**DAYTON, Ohio** -- The lying triceps extension is an exercise that strengthens and tones the back of the upper arm. Responsible for extension of the elbow joint, the triceps muscle allows the arms to straighten. Most everyday activities do not use the triceps to a significant degree, making it important to add exercises to work this area.

### Technique

**Starting position:** Lie face up with your knees bent and feet on the floor. Hold dumbbells with palms facing one another and arms straight.

**Downward phase:** Slowly begin bending the elbows, lowering the dumbbells until they lightly touch the shoulders. In this position, the elbows should be pointing toward the ceiling.

**Upward phase:** Slowly begin pressing the dumbbells back up until your arms are straight. You should feel the back of the arm tightening (contracting). Although your arms should be straight, avoid a hyperextension, or full lockout, of the elbow joint.

For maximum benefit, maintain strict form. With each repetition, the elbows should be kept shoulder-width apart, and the upper arms should not move. Speed of movement should be slow and controlled.

**Beginners:** Start with one to two sets of eight to 12 repetitions, performed every other day. Add sets, reps or weight as you become stronger.

### Variations

-- The triceps extension can be performed with one arm at a time. This can be useful if you find it difficult to keep the upper arm in place, or if using heavy weights. In this case you would support the elbow of the working arm with the opposite hand to help keep your arm in place during each extension.

-- You can do lying triceps extensions on a weight bench or on the floor or other stable surface. □

# Apple details government requests for data

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Apple says it received between 4,000 and 5,000 requests from U.S. law enforcement for customer data for the six months ended in May. The company, like some other businesses, had asked the U.S. government to be able to share how many requests it received related to national security and how it handled them. Those requests were made as part of Prism, the recently revealed highly classified National Security Agency program that seizes records from Internet companies.

Prism appears to do what its name suggests. Like a triangular piece of glass, Prism takes large beams of data and helps the government find discrete, manageable strands of information.

Prism was revealed this month by The Washington Post and Guardian newspapers, and has touched

off the latest round in a decade-long debate over what limits to impose on government eavesdropping, which the Obama administration says is essential to keep the nation safe.

Apple Inc. said that between 9,000 and 10,000 accounts or devices were specified in data requests between Dec. 1, 2012, and May 31 from federal, state and local authorities and included both criminal investigations and national security matters.

It said that the most common form of request came from police investigating robberies and other crimes, searching for missing children, trying to locate a patient with Alzheimer's disease, or hoping to prevent a suicide.

The company also made clear how much access the government has.

"We do not provide any government agency with



In this Monday, June 10, 2013 file photo, people wait for the doors to open for the start of the keynote address at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco.

Associated Press

## Chinese supercomputer named as world's fastest

**BEIJING (AP)** — China has built the world's fastest supercomputer, almost twice as fast as the previous U.S. holder and underlining the country's rise as a science and technology powerhouse.

The semiannual TOP500 official listing of the world's fastest supercomputers released Monday says the Tianhe-2 developed by the National University of Defense Technology in central China's Changsha city is capable of sustained computing of 33.86 petaflops per second. That's the equivalent of 33,860 trillion calculations per second.

The Tianhe-2, which means Milky Way-2, knocks the U.S. Department of Energy's Titan machine off the no. 1 spot. It achieved 17.59 petaflops per second.

Supercomputers are used for complex work such as modeling weather systems, simulating nuclear explosions and designing jetliners.

It's the second time China has been named as having built the world's fastest supercomputer.

In November 2010, the Tianhe-2's predecessor, Tianhe-1A, had that honor before Japan's K computer overtook it a few months later.

The Tianhe-2's achievement shows how China is leveraging rapid economic growth and sharp increases in research spending to join the United States, Europe and Japan in the global technology elite.

"Most of the features of the system were developed in China, and they are only using Intel for the main compute part," said TOP500 editor Jack Dongarra in a news release accompanying the announcement. "That is, the interconnect, operating system, front-end processors and software are mainly Chinese," said Dongarra, who toured the Tianhe-2 development facility in May. □

direct access to our servers, and any government agency requesting customer content must get a court order," Apple said in a statement on its website. Apple explained that its legal team evaluates each request and that it delivers "the narrowest possible set

of information to the authorities" when deemed appropriate. The company said that it has refused some requests in the past. Facebook Inc. has said that it received between 9,000 and 10,000 requests for data from all government agencies in the sec-

ond half of last year. The social media company said fewer than 19,000 users were targeted.

Apple's stock rose \$2.12 to \$432.17 in morning trading on Monday. They have traded in a range of \$385.10 to \$705.07 over the past 52 weeks. □

## Israel picks team to build high-speed web network

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — An Israeli committee has chosen a consortium led by Swedish company ViaEuropa to build a nationwide high-speed broadband network.

The committee, which includes representatives from the government and the state-owned Israel Electric Corp., announced its decision Monday. It said

the consortium includes Israeli company Rapac, BATM, Zisapel Properties and private equity firm Tamares Holdings. International networking giant Cisco Systems will provide technology. The consortium is teaming with the electricity company to build the network on existing power cables. The fiber-optic network is

expected to provide connections up to one gigabyte.

The new consortium will hold a 60 percent stake in the venture, and the electricity company will hold 40 percent. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Construction is expected to begin this year and would take several years to complete. □

# Investors guess Fed's actions, push stocks higher

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investors are in a game of wait-and-see with the Federal Reserve. On Monday, they guessed that the Fed will continue trying to prop up the economy, and sent stocks higher.

The major stock indexes all rose about 1 percent in early trading and stayed there for most of the day, before dipping slightly in the afternoon. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.31 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,639.04. It had been up as much as 20 points.

The market's gains were broad. Telecommunications was the only one of the 10 industry sectors in the S&P 500 to post a loss. Netflix did better than any other stock in the S&P 500 after announcing that it will run original TV series from Dreamworks Animation.

Overall, though, there were few big company announcements or economic reports. Trading was light, the day more a holding pattern than a referendum. Investors will have to keep guessing about the

Fed's future actions until Wednesday, when Chairman Ben Bernanke holds a news conference at the end of a two-day policy meeting.

Investors sent stocks up Monday because they think Fed policymakers will determine that the economy isn't recovering fast enough. That might seem like a contradiction, but a still-weak economy would influence the Fed to continue its programs designed to stimulate the economy: keeping interest rates low to encourage borrowing, and buying bonds to push investors into stocks. Not everyone thinks that's a logical pattern.

Doug Lockwood, branch president of Hefty Wealth Partners in Auburn, Ind., said it's not rational for the stock market to regard bad news as good, and to be yanked back and forth more by the actions of a central bank than the underlying fundamentals of the economy.

"I think the market's a little hooked on a drug here," Lockwood said. "You take drugs, you feel better, but

it's short-lived. Printing of money should never be considered a great thing for the economy."

The market has been in flux since May 22, when Bernanke said the Fed would consider pulling back on

its bond-buying program if measures of the economy, especially hiring, improve. The comment, made not in prepared testimony but in response to a question from the Joint Economic Committee in Congress, was not

expected. In the 17 trading days since then, the Dow Jones industrial average has swung by triple digits 11 times. Overall, the Dow is down about 1 percent since before Bernanke's testimony. □



Specialist Niral Doshi works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, June 17, 2013. Stocks were up Monday because investors think Fed leaders will determine that the economy isn't recovering fast enough.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## Starboard says Smithfield sale undervalues company

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**RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)**

— One of Smithfield Foods Inc.'s largest shareholders says a \$4.72 billion takeover bid from China's largest meat producer falls short of what the company would be worth if sold off piece by piece.

In a letter to the Smithfield, Virginia-based pork producer's board of directors on Monday, the New York-based investment firm Starboard Value LP estimated the company's value at \$9 billion to \$10.8 billion, or about \$44 to \$55 per share. Starboard owns about 5.7 percent of Smithfield's common stock.

Under the deal struck last month with Shuanghui International Holdings Ltd., Smithfield will sell itself for \$34 per share. The deal, which remains subject to regulatory and shareholder

approvals, would be the largest takeover of a U.S. company by a Chinese firm, valued at about \$7.1 billion, including debt. Smithfield's stock will no longer be publicly traded once the deal closes, which is expected in the second half of the year.

Smithfield did not immediately comment on Starboard's letter and a spokesman for Shuanghui declined to comment.

Smithfield's shares rose 29 cents to \$33.09 in morning trading Monday.

Starboard said that while

the deal with Shuanghui does offer some value, shareholders would be better served if the company focused on selling off its various divisions, which include fresh pork and hog production businesses, as well as an international division. Smithfield, whose brands include Armour, Farmland and its namesake, also has been focusing on its packaged meats business, which sells deli meats, bacon, sausage, and hot dogs.

Starboard managing member Jeffrey C. Smith wrote that its letter was not necessarily aimed at coming out in opposition to the proposed sale, but added that it "would be remiss, however, to let an opportunity slip by to determine whether the company could realize even greater value for shareholders."

Because Smithfield is con-

tractually prohibited from superior offers or contacting others who may be interested in acquiring parts of the company, the investment firm said it will seek to "identify and connect any strategic or financial buyers."

Prior to last month's announcement, Continental Grain Co., one of the company's largest shareholders, had been pushing Smithfield to consider splitting itself up to reward shareholders. The privately held grain company has since come out in support of the proposed takeover and has sold the bulk of its stake in Smithfield.

Last week, Smithfield said its net income sank nearly 63 percent in the fourth quarter as feed costs rose even as consumers resisted price hikes, hog prices fell and its exports to China and Russia declined. □



Employees work at a pork processing plant owned by Henan Shuanghui Group Ltd., in Luoyang, in central China's Henan province. One of Smithfield Foods Inc.'s largest shareholders says a \$4.72 billion takeover bid from China's Shuanghui Group falls short of what the company would be worth if sold off piece by piece.

(AP Photo/Alexander F. Yuan)

## Elan holders OK buyback, vote down 3 offers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Shareholders of Irish drugmaker Elan Corp. PLC have potentially ended a takeover bid from Royalty Pharma by voting in favor of an Elan share buyback plan. The Dublin-based company's shareholders also rejected at a Monday meeting three separate deals that the Elan board has pushed instead of the Royalty takeover bid.

Earlier this month, New York-based Royalty offered to pay \$13 per share for each Elan share plus up to \$2.50 per share in payments based on performance milestones. That totaled about \$7.76 billion not counting the milestone payments.

An Irish Takeover Panel requires Royalty to withdraw its offer if shareholders approved the buyback or the acquisitions. Royalty is challenging that requirement in court.

Royalty Pharma said Monday that Elan shareholders can continue to accept its latest bid while the court challenge is pending. The Irish High Court will hold a hearing Wednesday on the case. Elan was attempting to diversify its business through the string of acquisitions after it sold its interest in the multiple sclerosis treatment Tysabri to former development partner Biogen Idec Inc. earlier this year. That deal was worth \$3.25 billion in cash and recurring royalty payments. The acquisitions included purchasing a share of the royalties for four drugs from Theravance Inc., as well as acquiring Austrian drug developer AOP Orphan. Elan said last week it would explore selling the company after it became clear that shareholders would reject the acquisitions.

Elan also said Royalty could participate in its formal sale process, but it urged shareholders to steer clear of Royalty's latest bid. Royalty is a privately held company that buys drug royalty interests. It has made several bids this year to buy Elan. □

## Google settles suit, clears way for stock split

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Google has resolved a shareholder lawsuit block-

the Internet search leader to issue a new class of non-voting shares later this year. The settlement announced Monday came on the eve



**Google co-founders Sergey Brin, left, and Larry Page talk during a new conference at Google Inc. headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Google has settled a shareholder lawsuit to clear the way for a long-delayed split of the Internet search leader's stock. The agreement announced Monday, June 17, 2013, resolves allegations that Google co-founders Page and Brin engineered the stock split in a way that unfairly benefits them and shortchanges the rest of the company's shareholders.**

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

ing a long-delayed stock split, clearing the way for

of a scheduled Delaware chancery court trial that

threatened to cast an unflattering light on Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

The class-action by the Brockton Retirement Board in Massachusetts and another Google shareholder, Philip Skidmore, alleged that Page and Brin engineered the stock split in a way that unfairly benefits them while shortchanging the rest of the company's shareholders.

Google denied the allegations and maintained that the proposed stock split announced 14 months ago would benefit shareholders by ensuring that Page and Brin would preserve the power that has enabled them to make the same kinds of bold bets on technology that has helped increase the company's market value by more than \$260 billion during the past nine years.

The split calls for a new class of "C" stock with no voting power to be issued

for each share of an existing category of "A" voting stock. The structure is designed to ensure that Page and Brin retain control over the company, even though they only currently own about 15 percent of Google's outstanding stock, combined.

Page, Google's CEO, and Brin, an executive who oversees special projects in the company's secret X Lab, hold 56 percent of Google's voting power through a "B" class of stock that gives them 10 votes per share. By creating a new class of non-voting shares, Google will be able to keep rewarding other employees with more stock and financing potential acquisitions of stock without undermining the voting power of Page and Brin.

The co-founders began pushing for the stock split three years ago, according to court and regulatory documents. □

## US homebuilder confidence soars to 7-year high

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For the first time in seven years, most U.S. homebuilders are optimistic about home sales, a sign that construction could help drive stronger economic growth in coming months. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Monday leaped to 52 this month from 44 in May. It was the largest monthly increase since 2002. A reading above 50 indicates more builders view sales conditions as good, rather than poor. The index hasn't been that high since April 2006, just before the housing market collapsed. Measures of customer traffic, current sales conditions and builders' outlook for single-family home sales over the next six months also soared to their highest levels in seven years. The housing recovery is looking more sustainable and should continue to boost economic growth this year, offsetting some of the drag from higher taxes

and federal spending cuts. Steady hiring and low mortgage rates have encouraged more people to buy homes. The increased demand, along with a tight supply of homes for sale,

And sales of new homes rose to a seasonally adjusted rate of 454,000, nearly matching the fastest pace since July 2008. Sales are still below the 700,000 pace considered healthy



**Construction is underway on the infrastructure of a multi-acre housing development in Zelienople, Pa. For the first time in seven years, most U.S. homebuilders are optimistic about home sales, a sign that construction could help drive stronger economic growth in coming months, according to reports Monday, June 17, 2013.**

(AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)

has pushed home prices higher. That's made builders more optimistic about the market for newly built homes, leading to more construction and jobs. In April, applications for new home construction reached a five-year peak.

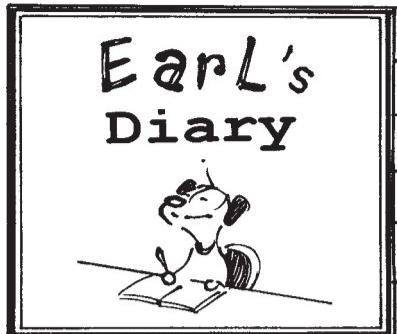
by most economists. But they have risen 29 percent in the past year.

Single-family home construction slowed in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 610,000 homes, but that's expected to grow sharply in com-

ing months. "We are forecasting a considerable acceleration," said Greg Bird, associate economist with Moody's Analytics, which projects that housing starts on single-family homes will reach an annual rate of 1.6 million by the end of 2014. In recent weeks, many of the major large homebuilders have reported strong annual growth in sales during the spring home-selling season. The increased demand has paved the way for builders to raise prices and ramp up construction of more homes, despite lingering concerns over rising costs for land, building materials and labor.

"Builders are experiencing some relief in the headwinds that are holding back a more robust recovery," said David Crowe, the NAHB's chief economist. Homebuilder Mitchell & Best, which builds homes in Maryland and Virginia, expects to deliver between 30 percent and 40 percent more completed homes this year than in 2012, said vice-CEO Marty Mitchell. □

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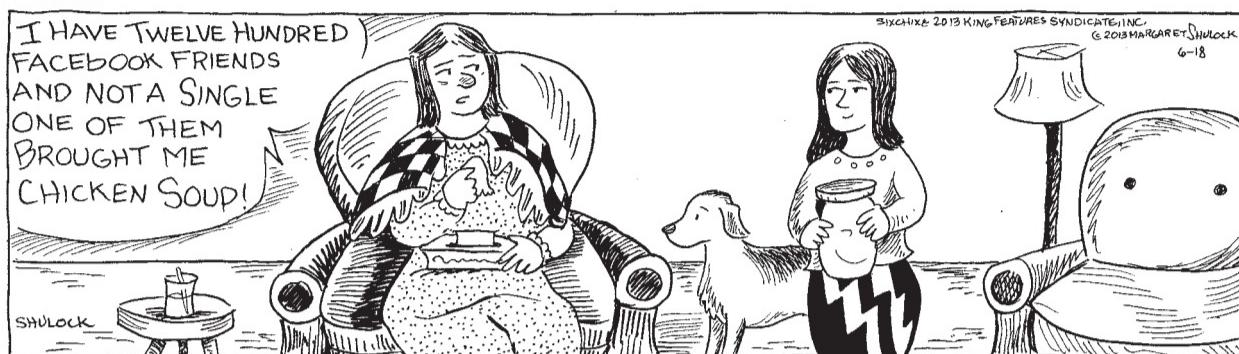
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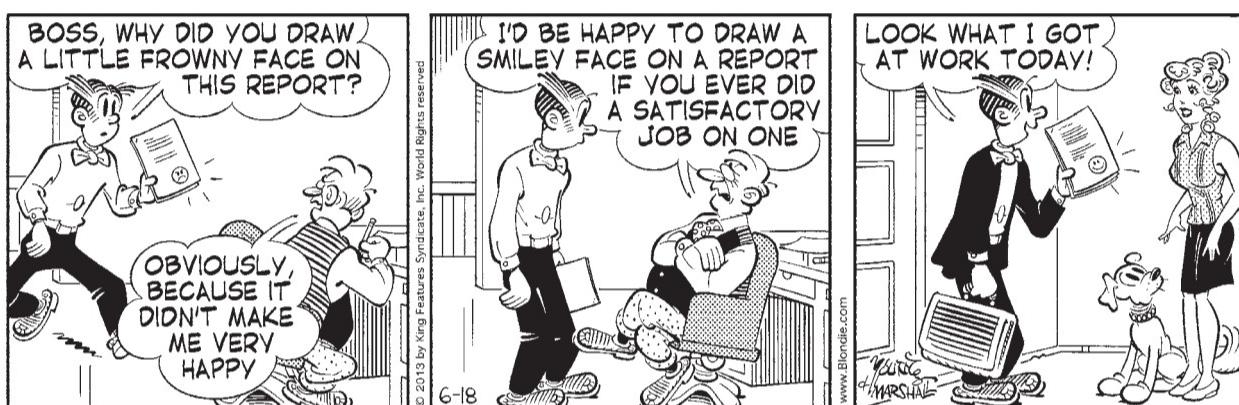


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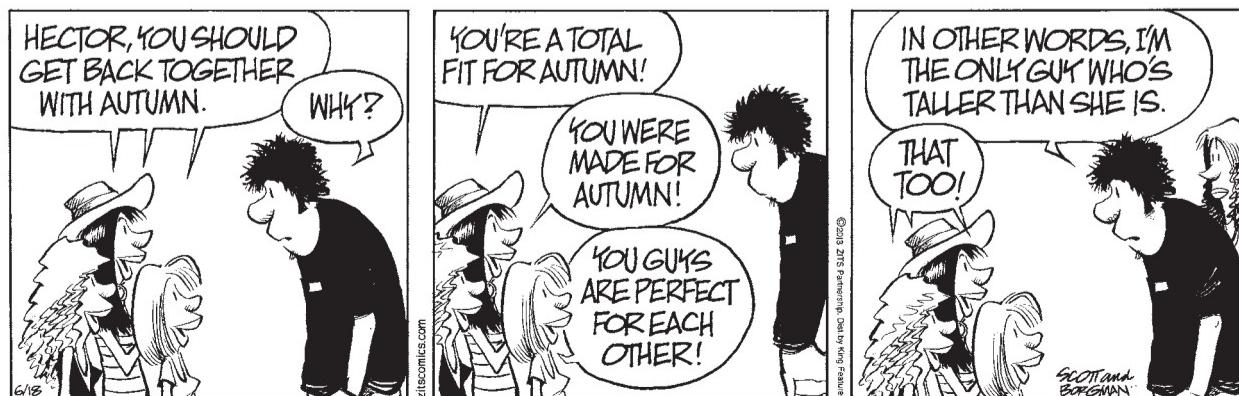
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# Discounters making grocery gains, despite limitations

**Leon Stafford**

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**ATLANTA** -- The days when getting groceries required a trip to a supermarket dedicated solely to rows of



The produce section inside of a Dollar General Market.  
(Handout Photo)

food and a butcher have long been a thing of the past.

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# U.S. official: Solar plane to help ground energy use

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

**AP Science Writer**

**CHANTILLY, Virginia (AP)**

The plane parked outside the airport looks more like a giant exotic insect or maybe an outsized toy. When it's in flight, there's no roar of engines. It's strangely quiet. And as it

Solar Impulse has been flying cross-country in short hops as part of a 13-year, privately funded European project that is expected to cost \$150 million.

Ernest Moniz, who heads the U.S. Department of Energy, praised the effort at a news conference Monday

mental plane is going to change the way the rest of us fly, Moniz said. But it may change the way we drive and the buildings we live in sooner than we think.

The lightweight technology will pay off on the ground far more readily than in the air. This project should

cent of the world's heat-trapping gases, he said.

"The potential is on the ground, the potential is not in aviation," he said. "On the ground, the potential is huge and is readily available."

Perhaps as early as 2015, an updated version of this solar plane will be flown around the world. Last year, the same plane flew from Switzerland to Morocco.

When he first came up with the idea a decade ago, Borschberg said he was told by experts: "Your project is impossible."

Now instead, Moniz said, Solar Impulse is highlighting four high-tech green energy fields that his office is trying to promote: solar power, better batteries

that allowed Solar Impulse to fly at night, lightweight materials and integrating everything.

They'll pay off on the ground quickly, Moniz said. Take the lightweight carbon fiber and lighter solar cells.

Once applied to rooftop solar panels, that will bring down costs for houses because much of the problem currently is the size and weight of the panels, he said.

Solar Impulse carries more than 11,000 solar cells — 10,746 of them on the long wing that stretches 208 feet.

Although it has the wing-span of a jumbo jet, the entire plane weighs just 3,500 pounds (1,580 kilograms), the size of a small car. □



**Andre Borschberg, one of two pilots of the Solar Impulse plane, poses for a portrait in the cockpit of the purely solar powered plane during a media availability at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at Washington Dulles International Airport in Chantilly, Va., Monday, June 17, 2013. The solar-powered plane nearing the close of a cross-continent journey landed at Dulles early Sunday, only one short leg to New York remaining on a voyage that opened in May.**

Associated Press

crisscrosses the U.S., the spindly plane doesn't use a drop of fuel. Day, and even night, it flies on the power of the sun.

It's that fact that has the U.S. energy secretary, and the plane's two pilots and fans around the world, so excited.

The one-man craft called

in Washington, where the plane landed early Sunday morning. Moniz said it highlighted a cleaner energy future for the nation.

"It's also a poetic project," said Bertrand Piccard, one of the pilots. "It's about flying with the sun. It's about flying with no fuel."

It's not that the experi-

lead to cleaner appliances, greener cars and more energy-efficient building, said Solar Impulse CEO Andre Borschberg, who also is one of the pilots.

In an in-flight interview Friday, Borschberg said this experiment isn't about aviation being cleaner. Airplanes only produce 3 per-

## NASA picks 8 new astronauts,

### 4 of them women

By MARCIA DUNN

**AP Aerospace Writer**

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.**

**(AP)** -- NASA has eight new astronauts - its first new batch in four years.

Among the lucky candidates: the first female fighter pilot to become an astronaut in nearly two decades. A female helicopter pilot also is in the group. In fact, four of the eight are women, the highest percentage of female astronaut candidates ever selected by NASA.

Monday's announcement came on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the launch of the first American woman in space, Sally Ride. She died last summer.

The eight - all in their 30s - were chosen from more than 6,000 applications received early last year, the second largest number ever received. They will report for duty in August at Johnson Space Center in Houston and join 49 astronauts currently at NASA. The number has dwindled ever since the space shuttles stopped flying in 2011. Many astronauts quit rather than get in a lengthy line for relatively few slots for long-term missions aboard the International Space

Station.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said these new candidates will help lead the first human mission to an asteroid in the 2020s, and then Mars, sometime in the following decade. They also may be among the first to fly to the space station aboard commercial spacecraft launched from the U.S., he noted. Russia ferries the astronauts now. "These new space explorers asked to join NASA because they know we're doing big, bold things here - developing missions to go farther into space than ever before," Bolden said in a statement.

The Class of 2013's Nicole Aunapu Mann, a major in the Marines, is an F/A-18 pilot serving at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, Md. Army Maj. Anne McClain is a helicopter pilot. The two other women, Christina Hammock and Jessica Meir, are scientists. All four men have military backgrounds, including one who is a former emergency room physician, Dr. Andrew Morgan. The others are Josh Cassada, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Victor Glover and Air Force Lt. Col. Tyler (Nick) Hague. □

## Extensive ancient city unearthed by airborne laser

**WASHINGTON (AP)** -- New airborne laser scanning data has uncovered a network of roadways and canals, illustrating an entire bustling ancient city linking Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temples complex. The discovery was announced late Monday in a peer-reviewed paper released early by the journal

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The laser scanning shows a previously undocumented formal urban planned landscape integrating the 1,200 year old temples. It's all obscured by dense forest.

Study lead author Damien Evans of the University of Sydney tells The Age of

Australia in a video that it was a Eureka moment when the airborne lasers revealed the sudden and immediate picture of an entire city, with urban temples. The airborne lasers also indicated that the civilization there eventually collapsed because of deforestation and broken reservoir systems. □



## Neil Patrick Harris to return to Broadway

In this Sunday, June 9, 2013 file photo, actor Neil Patrick Harris performs on stage at the 67th Annual Tony Awards, in New York.

Associated Press

**MARK KENNEDY**  
**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Neil Patrick Harris is returning to the stage — and not to hand out awards.

The four-time Tony Award host and former "Doogie Howser, M.D." actor will star on Broadway in the spring as the gender-bent rock chanteuse at the center of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," the cult musical that was made into a cult movie.

The rest of the creative team members, cast, dates and the theater will be announced later.

Written by John Cameron Mitchell and composer Stephen Trask, "Hedwig" was an unlikely hit fashioned out of a strange story: a tale of obsession, glam rock, a botched sex-change operation and a

quest for identity.

Mitchell starred in an off-Broadway production that played for two years starting in 1998 in the dilapidated ballroom of an ancient Greenwich Village hotel and reprised the role in a 2001 film version. In a statement, Mitchell said: "Who better to pass the wig to but the finest entertainer of his generation?"

Harris, the 40-year-old "How I Met Your Mother" star, has been featured in three Broadway productions, including "Assassins," "Proof" and as the exuberant master of ceremonies in "Cabaret."

In a statement, Harris said: "I am simultaneously ecstatic and terrified to be stepping into Hedwig's heels. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime role and I can't wait to begin the journey." □

## Miss Universe contest heads to Moscow

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — This year's Miss Universe pageant will be held in Russia's capital, Moscow.

Donald Trump made the announcement Sunday after the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas.

He added that he would be moving Miss USA out of Las Vegas and to his golf resort in Miami for the next

three years.

Trump said 18 different countries were vying to host Miss Universe, set for Nov. 9.

Miss Universe was held in Brazil in 2011, and there were talks of moving it to the Dominican Republic for 2012 before it was ultimately held in Las Vegas. □

## In Israel, Barbara Streisand criticizes treatment of women



Entertainment star Barbra Streisand speaks during a ceremony at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem after she received an honorary doctorate in Jerusalem, Monday, June 17, 2013.

Associated Press

**MAX J. ROSENTHAL**

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Entertainer Barbra Streisand waded into one of Israel's touchiest issues Monday on the first major stop of her tour of the country — Jewish religious practices that separate men and women. Speaking at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on Monday, where she received an honorary doctorate, she took aim at cases of ultra-Orthodox Jews targeting women, even as she warmly praised the country.

"I realize it's not easy to fully grasp the dynamics of what happens in a foreign land," she said. But "it's distressing to read about women in Israel being forced to sit in the back of the bus or when we hear about 'Women of the Wall' having metal chairs thrown at them when they attempt to peacefully and legally pray."

She was referring to isolated incidents in which ultra-Orthodox men tried to force women to sit separately at the rear of buses that go through their neighborhoods, as well as more serious clashes in which ultra-Orthodox Jews tried to prevent women donning prayer shawls and carrying Torah scrolls from praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, the holiest site where Jews can worship.

According to traditional Orthodox Jewish practice, only men wear prayer shawls and handle Torah scrolls, though that is slowly changing in some places. Ultra-Orthodox Jews, who cut themselves off from the rest of society but wield disproportionate power in government and religious affairs, fear that allowing women to make such inroads will erode their authority.

Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni has introduced legislation making forced separation of men and women in public places like buses illegal. On the issue of women praying at the Western Wall, a court has upheld the right of women to wear prayer shawls, and a proposal has also been made to set aside a section of the Western Wall for mixed-gender prayers.

Streisand said she was pleased to hear that there were hopeful developments. "Repairs are being made, and that's very good," she said.

Earlier in the day, the entertainer met 20 children with life-threatening illnesses from the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation. Streisand beamed as a teenage girl sang her song, "People." "I shall treasure this," she said. "It's so powerful to be in a room with you all, and especially the children, who touched my heart." □

Streisand visited the university in one of the first stops of her trip to Israel since 1984, receiving an honorary Ph.D.

She spoke at length of her admiration for Israel and the Hebrew University, which opened a building named after her father in 1984 after she donated money for its construction.

"I think he would be very proud to know that this esteemed institution is honoring his daughter," she said. She praised the university for graduating a record number of female Ph.D. students this year, the first time that women made up a majority of the degree recipients.

University officials called the Jewish singer and actor "a close friend of Israel" and said that her honorary Ph.D. was "an opportunity to recognize her support, her friendship, her generosity."

Streisand's tour has attracted widespread attention from the public and the media.

Her arrival at Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport on Sunday, with her dog in tow, received prominent media coverage. Streisand, 71, will attend the 90th birthday party of Israeli President Shimon Peres later in the week before appearing at her first ever concerts in Israel on Thursday and Saturday. □



In this Oct. 1, 2011 file photo, a Netflix DVD envelope and Netflix on-screen television menu are shown in Surfside, Fla.

Associated Press

## Netflix cuts original TV deal with DreamWorks

**RYAN NAKASHIMA**  
AP Business Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Netflix's deal to air original television programming from Dreamworks Animation is a major coup for both companies. Though financial details were not disclosed, Netflix Inc. says the multi-year agreement announced on Monday is its biggest deal ever for original first-run content. It includes more than 300 hours of new TV episodes in a multi-year deal starting in 2014. The transaction helps Netflix compete with pay TV channels such as HBO and Showtime, and it gives Dreamworks a potentially lucrative outlet for its shows as it tries to shed its reliance on two or three big-budget movies each year.

Netflix Inc. doubled down on original children's programming, hoping to strengthen its push to become a family entertainment brand. The new content should ease some of the pain of losing a range of kids shows from Viacom Inc.'s Nickelodeon network, including future episodes of "Dora the Explorer," which Amazon.com

Inc. snapped up for its streaming service in early June.

"This is arguably a groundbreaking deal," said Tuna Amobi, a Standard & Poor's equity analyst who covers both Netflix and DreamWorks Animation. While concerns remain about how much the deal will cost Netflix in the end, the company said it is a global deal that will allow it to debut the original series in the 40 countries where Netflix operates. That could help spread the costs over more territories and more subscribers if Netflix continues to grow overseas.

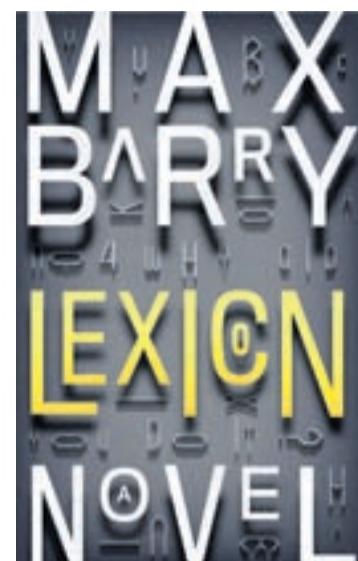
"The big question is if this is going to be an international catalyst in terms of subscriber growth," Amobi said.

Investors hailed the deal as a win-win. Netflix shares rose \$15.70, or 7.3 percent, to close at \$229.69 on Monday, while DreamWorks shares rose 92 cents, or 4 percent, to close at \$23.73. The deal suggests DreamWorks will significantly ramp up its production of TV shows. Currently, it only produces "Dragons: Riders of Berk" for Cartoon

Network, which completed a run of 20 episodes at 23 minutes each — less than 8 hours of content in all — in March. A second season of "Dragons" is set for release in the fall, and Netflix had already contracted with DreamWorks for a series based on its upcoming film, "Turbo." □

## Review:

### 'Lexicon' explores the power of words



This book cover image released by The Penguin Press shows "Lexicon," by Max Barry.

Associated Press

**JEFF AYERS**  
Associated Press

The power of words and the consequences of using them inappropriately are explored in fascinating ways in Max Barry's latest novel, "Lexicon."

A group of people known as "poets" can use specific words and phrases to compel and persuade another person to commit acts he or she normally

wouldn't think of doing. A man named Wil gets off a plane in Portland, Ore., and is accosted in the restroom before he can pick up his luggage. The thugs ask him strange questions about what he remembers and "why did you do it?" A quick escape ends in a shootout, and Wil is kidnapped.

A young orphan girl named Emily uses her gift of manipulation to do card tricks for money on the streets of San Francisco. Someone sees her in action and offers her a chance to change her life. She can attend a school where she can learn the ability to use words for more than just mere communication.

The story jumps back and forth between Emily's eerie school with its strange exams and teachers and Wil, who has no memory of events prior to boarding the plane. "Lexicon" is a strange combination of romance, thriller and science fiction. Imagine blending the works of Neal Stephenson with Michael Chabon and the end result would come close to the world envisioned by Barry. □

## Jay-Z announces new album with Samsung deal



This May 1, 2013 file photo shows Jay-Z at "The Great Gatsby" world premiere at Avery Fisher Hall in New York.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jay-Z is teaming up with Samsung to release his new album, unveiling a three-minute commercial during the

NBA Finals and announcing a deal that will give the music to 1 million users of Galaxy mobile phones. The new album, called

"Magna Carta Holy Grail," will be free for the first 1 million android phone owners who download an app for the album.

Those who do so will get the album on July 4, three days before its official release, according to a Sunday statement.

Samsung is a leader in the mobile phone market and has been steadily chipping away at Apple's share of the market with its Galaxy phones. The deal with Jay-Z is yet another example of how mobile companies are using music to lure new consumers. □

## Religion And Inequality



DAVID BROOKS

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About a century ago, Walter Judd was a 17-year-old boy hoping to go to college at the University of Nebraska. His father pulled him aside and told him that, although the family had happily paid for Judd's two sisters to go to college, Judd himself would get no money for tuition or room and board.

His father explained that he thought his son might one day go on to become a fine doctor, but he had also seen loose tendencies. Some hard manual labor during college would straighten him out.

Judd took the train to the university, arrived at the station at 10:30 and by 12:15 had found a job washing dishes at the cafeteria of the YMCA. He did that job every day of his first year, rising at 6 each morning, not having his first college date until the last week of the school year.

Judd went on to become a doctor, a daring medical missionary and a prominent member of Congress between 1943 and 1963. The anecdote is small, but it illustrates a few things. First, that, in those days, it was possible to work your way through college doing dishes.

More important, that people then were more likely to assume that jobs at the bottom of the status ladder were ennobling and that jobs at the top were morally perilous.

That is to say, the moral status system was likely to be the inverse of the worldly status system. The working classes were self-controlled, while the rich and the professionals could get away with things.

These mores, among other things, had biblical roots.

In the Torah, God didn't pick out the most powerful or notable or populous nation to be his chosen people.

He chose a small, lowly band. The Torah is filled with characters who are exiles or from the lower reaches of society who are, nonetheless, chosen for pivotal moments: Moses, Joseph, Saul, David and Esther.

In the New Testament, Jesus blesses the poor, "for yours is the kingdom of God."

But "woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort."

In Corinthians, Jesus tells the crowds, "Not many of you were wise by worldly standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God

chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." Under this rubric, your place is not determined by worldly accomplishments but simply through an acceptance of God's grace. As Paul Tillich put it in a passage recently quoted on Andrew Sullivan's blog, "Do not seek for anything; do not perform anything; do not intend anything. Simply accept the fact that you are accepted."

This inverse hierarchy took secular form.

Proletarian novels and movies made the working class the moral bedrock of the nation. In Frank Capra movies like "Meet John Doe," the common man is the salt of the earth, while the rich are suspect.

It wasn't as if Americans renounced worldly success (this is America!), but there were rival status hierarchies: the biblical hierarchy, the working man's hierarchy, the artist's hierarchy, the intellectual's hierarchy, all of which questioned success and denounced those who climbed and sold out.

Over the years, religion has played a less dominant role in public culture. Meanwhile, the rival status hierarchies have fallen away.

The meritocratic hierarchy of professional success is pretty much the only one left standing. As a result, people are less ambivalent about commerce. We use economic categories, like "human capital" and "opportunity costs," in a wide range of spheres.

People are less worried about what William James called the "moral flabbiness" of the "bitch-goddess success," and are more likely to use professional standing as a measure of life performance.

Words like character, which once suggested traits like renunciation that held back success, now denote traits like self-discipline, which enhance it.

Many rich people once felt compelled to try to square their happiness at being successful with their embarrassment about it.

They adopted what Charles Murray calls a code of seemliness (no fancy clothes or cars). Not long ago, many people covered their affluence with a bohemian patina, but that patina has grown increasingly thin.

Now most of us engage in more matter-of-fact boasting: the car stickers that describe the driver's summers on Martha's Vineyard, the college window stickers, the mass embrace of luxury brands, even the currency of "likes" on Facebook and Reddit as people unabashedly seek popularity.

The culture was probably more dynamic when there were competing status hierarchies. When there is one hegemonic hierarchy, as there is today, the successful are less haunted by their own status and the less successful have nowhere to hide. □



## Sympathy For The Luddites



PAUL KRUGMAN

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What happens when good jobs disappear? It's a question that's been asked for centuries.

In 1786, the cloth workers of Leeds, a wool-industry center in northern England, issued a protest against the growing use of "scribbling" machines, which were taking over a task formerly performed by skilled labor. "How are those men, thus thrown out of employ to provide for their families?" asked the petitioners.

"And what are they to put their children apprentice to?" Those weren't foolish questions.

Mechanization eventually - that is, after a couple of generations - led to a broad rise in British living standards. But it's far from clear whether typical workers reaped any benefits during the early stages of the Industrial Revolution; many workers were clearly hurt. And often the workers hurt most were those who had, with effort, acquired valuable skills - only to find those skills suddenly devalued.

So are we living in another such era? And, if we are, what are we going to do about it?

Until recently, the conventional wisdom about the effects of technology on workers was, in a way, comforting. Clearly, many workers weren't sharing fully - or, in many cases, at all - in the benefits of rising productivity; instead, the bulk of the gains were going to a minority of the work-

force. But this, the story went, was because modern technology was raising the demand for highly educated workers while reducing the demand for less educated workers. And the solution was more education.

Now, there were always problems with this story. Notably, while it could account for a rising gap in wages between those with college degrees and those without, it couldn't explain why a small group - the famous "one percent" - was experiencing much bigger gains than highly educated workers in general. Still, there may have been something to this story a decade ago. Today, however, a much darker picture of the effects of technology on labor is emerging. In this picture, highly educated workers are as likely as less educated workers to find themselves displaced and devalued, and pushing for more education may create as many problems as it solves.

I've noted before that the nature of rising inequality in America changed around 2000. Until then, it was all about worker versus worker; the distribution of income between labor and capital - between wages and profits, if you like - had been stable for decades. Since then, however, labor's share of the pie has fallen sharply. As it turns out, this is not a uniquely American phenomenon. A new report from the International Labour Organization points out that the same thing has been happening in many other countries, which is what you'd expect to see if global technological trends were turning against workers.

And some of those turns may well be sudden. The McKinsey Global Institute recently released a report on a dozen major new technologies that it considers likely to be "disruptive," upsetting existing market and social arrangements. Even a quick scan of the report's list suggests that some of the victims of disruption will be workers

who are currently considered highly skilled, and who invested a lot of time and money in acquiring those skills. For example, the report suggests that we're going to be seeing a lot of "automation of knowledge work," with software doing things that used to require college graduates. Advanced robotics could further diminish employment in manufacturing, but it could also replace some medical professionals.

So should workers simply be prepared to acquire new skills? The woolworkers of 18th-century Leeds addressed this issue back in 1786: "Who will maintain our families, whilst we undertake the arduous task" of learning a new trade? Also, they asked, what will happen if the new trade, in turn, gets devalued by further technological advance?

And the modern counterparts of those woolworkers might well ask further, what will happen to us if, like so many students, we go deep into debt to acquire the skills we're told we need, only to learn that the economy no longer wants those skills?

Education, then, is no longer the answer to rising inequality, if it ever was (which I doubt).

So what is the answer? If the picture I've drawn is at all right, the only way we could have anything resembling a middle-class society - a society in which ordinary citizens have a reasonable assurance of maintaining a decent life as long as they work hard and play by the rules - would be by having a strong social safety net, one that guarantees not just health care but a minimum income, too. And with an ever-rising share of income going to capital rather than labor, that safety net would have to be paid for to an important extent via taxes on profits and/or investment income.

I can already hear conservatives shouting about the evils of "redistribution." But what, exactly, would they propose instead? □

# Death Be Not Decaffeinated: Taboo Coffee Talk

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Socrates did not fear death; he calmly drank the hemlock. Kierkegaard was obsessed with death, which made him a bit gloomy. As for Lorraine Tosiello, a 58-year-old internist in Bradley Beach, N.J., it is the process of dying that seems endlessly puzzling.

"I'm more interested, philosophically, in what is death? What is that transition?" Tosiello said at a

sions, but rather casual forums for people who want to bat around philosophical thoughts. What is death like? Why do we fear it? How do our views of death inform the way we live? "Death and grief are topics avoided at all costs in our society," said Audrey Pellicano, 60, who hosts the New York Death Cafe, which will hold its fifth meeting on Wednesday. "If we talk about them, maybe we won't fear them

fliers, local calendar listings or word of mouth. Women usually outnumber men. "In Europe, there's a tradition of meeting in informal ways to discuss ideas - the *café philosophique*, the *café scientifique*," said Jon Underwood, 40, a Web designer in London who said he held the first Death Cafe in his basement in 2011 and has propagated the concept through a website he maintains.

Underwood adapted the

does the depth of the conversation. Tosiello, who said she had never lost a close family member, was there for intellectual enjoyment. Others went to ponder the questions and feelings that the death of a loved one had raised.

For instance, at a Death Cafe meeting this month in St. Joseph, Mo., the host, Megan Mooney, a 29-year-old social worker, asked each of the 19 participants to supply a single word that

people, such conversations are healthy; talking about death can ease people's fears and the notion that death is taboo. "A major part of American society is very averse to thinking about dying," said David Barnard, a professor of ethics at the Oregon Health and Science University who has written extensively about the end of life.

In the United States, Death Cafes have spread quickly. The first one met last summer in a Panera Bread outside Columbus, Ohio, where guests were served tombstone-shaped cookies. Since then, more than 100 meetings have been held in cities and towns across the country, including Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Seattle.

"At one cafe, I had someone who believed in reincarnation sitting across from three atheists, telling them about her past lives," said Lizzy Miles, a hospice social worker who organized that first meeting in Columbus and has led the group there ever since. Discussion topics have included euthanasia, grief, the best-selling book "Proof of Heaven" and do-not-resuscitate orders.

Miles logged 112 participants in her first nine events and determined that a quarter were under 35 and 22 percent were over 65, with most ages 45 to 64 and women predominating. About half of the people who filled out a survey after a meeting agreed with the statement that "I feel more comfortable talking about death and dying now." The Death Cafe movement has a few ground rules. Meetings are confidential and not for profit. People must respect one another's disparate beliefs and avoid proselytizing. And tea and cake play an important role.

"There's a superstition that if you talk about death, you invite it closer," said Underwood, the organizer in London. "But the consumption of food is a life-sustaining process. Cake normalizes things." □



Nancy Gershman, left, and Audrey Pellicano during a New York Death Cafe group meeting in New York. The group, which meets monthly and is one of many such gatherings that have sprung up in nearly 40 cities around the country in the last year, holds casual forums for people who want to bat around philosophical thoughts about death.

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recent meeting in a Manhattan coffee shop, where eight people had shown up on a Wednesday night to discuss questions that philosophers have grappled with for ages.

The group, which meets monthly, is called a Death Cafe, one of many such

gatherings that have sprung up in nearly 40 cities around the country in the last year. Offshoots of the "café mortel" movement that emerged in Switzerland and France about 10 years ago, these are not grief support groups or end-of-life planning ses-

as much."

Part dorm room chat session, part group therapy, Death Cafes are styled as intellectual salons, but in practice they tend to wind up being something slightly different - call it cafe society in the age of the meet-up.

Each is led by a volunteer facilitator, often someone who has a professional tie to the topic (Pellicano, for instance, is a grief counselor). The participants include people of all ages, working and retired, who are drawn by Facebook announcements, storefront

idea from a Swiss sociologist, Bernard Crettaz, who had organized "café mortels" to try to foster more open discussions of death. "There's a growing recognition that the way we've outsourced death to the medical profession and to funeral directors hasn't done us any favors," Underwood said. He envisioned

Death Cafe as "a space where people can discuss death and find meaning and reflect on what's important and ask profound questions."

In practice, people's motives for attending vary, as

he or she associated with death. "Freedom," someone said. "Grief." "Transition." "Relief." "Finality." And then, "Graduation." The last came from Kelly Vanderpool, a 25-year-old mother, who was a high school freshman when a friend with a new driver's license died in an auto accident.

"Ever since, I've wanted to know where he was," she said in an interview. "Is it true that life continues? Is Joe around still?"

Doctors and scholars who study attitudes toward death say that for most